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### **Man Convicted of First-degree Murder in Bronco Bar Shooting**

Ignacio Luque-Verdugo was convicted Friday evening of first-degree murder and attempted first-degree murder in the 2014 shooting at the Bronco Bar in Aurora that left one man dead and wounded two others.

Luque-Verdugo (DOB 06/14/84) opened fire at the bar at 9496 E. Montview Boulevard on November 21, 2014 after an altercation. Andres Cinto-Duran, 29, was shot six times and killed. Sergio Cinto-Duran, 35, was shot three times and left paralyzed when one of the bullets struck his spine. Manuel Rios-Rios, 30, was shot twice and survived.

"Andres Cinto-Duran did not deserve to die," District Attorney Dave Young told the jury during closing arguments Friday. "He was a brother, a son, and a husband. He had his whole life ahead of him. He had just gotten his business going. He was to become a U.S. citizen in May."

Luque-Verdugo fled the scene after the shooting and was arrested July 10, 2015 in California. He was extradited to face charges in the case.

Surveillance video from the bar showed that Luque-Verdugo placed a beer bottle on the pool table while reaching for his gun with his other hand and shooting at the Cinto-Duran brothers. Fingerprints and DNA from the bottle linked Luque-Verdugo to the murder and other crimes. "Thank God he calmly placed that beer bottle on the pool table," Young told the jury in closing arguments. "We wouldn't be here today if that hadn't happened."

Andres Cinto-Duran reacted to help his brother when he saw an unidentified man who was with Luque-Verdugo pull a knife and go after Sergio Cinto-Duran. Andres Cinto-Duran was stabbed six times and shot six times, including five shots in the back while he was lying on the floor.

"That's cold. That's calculated. That's first-degree murder," Young told the jury.

The jury deliberated about three hours before reaching its verdict convicting Luque-Verdugo of first-degree murder after deliberation (F1), first-degree murder extreme indifference (F1), four counts of attempted first-degree murder (F2), two counts of first-degree assault (F3) and eight counts of crime of violence, a sentencing enhancer.

Sentencing is set for 8:30 a.m. June 19 in Division G of Adams County District Court.

