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Man Convicted of Attempted Manslaughter in Stabbing on RTD Bus

Adrian Dion Larkins was convicted Thursday of attempted reckless manslaughter and first-degree assault in the stabbing of a man on an RTD bus in Aurora.

Larkins (DOB 06/06/70) was in the bus traveling westbound in the 12100 block of East Colfax Avenue on January 21, 2017, when Lorenzo Romero-Valenzuela and another man exchanged greetings, saying, "What's up, amigo?" Larkins stabbed Romero-Valenzuela in the neck and then shouted, "Did you call me a Negro?"

Romero-Valenzuela was tended to by bus passengers and Aurora police officers who quickly responded, including a SWAT medic who fought to stop the bleeding and save his life.

The defense argued that Larkins was insane at the time but the jury rejected that defense. Psychologists testified that he was in a psychotic state at the time of the stabbing, but prosecutors James Houtsma and Katie Konecny argued that it was a psychotic state induced by methamphetamine use and not legal insanity.

Larkins was convicted of attempted reckless manslaughter (F5) and first degree assault with a deadly weapon causing serious bodily injury (F3). He faces a sentence of from 10 to 32 years in prison.

He will be sentenced at 8:30 a.m. July 31 in Division G of Adams County District Court.

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