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Man Convicted of Murder of 78-year-old Man in Northglenn

An Adams County Jury has convicted Joshua Aaron Misegadis of first-degree murder in the death of 78-year-old Joseph Montoya.

Northglenn police responded to reports of an apartment fire at 350 W. 114th Ave. on May 12, 2017 and found Montoya's body engulfed in flames and wrapped in a shower curtain in the bathroom. The Coroner's Office later determined that Montoya, who was handicapped, had sustained multiple blunt force wounds to his head, neck and back in addition to 16 stab wounds.

Joshua Misegadis (DOB 11/22/90) was later apprehended after a high speed chase in the cities of Westminster and Northglenn by the Northglenn Police Department. He was found in the victim's stolen jeep with clothes containing blood from Montoya. Misegadis, a self-declared heroin and methamphetamine addict, claimed he had entered Montoya's apartment asking for money and, after Mr. Montoya refused, a struggle ensued. Misegadis later admitted to moving the body and setting it on fire in an attempt to cover up for his crimes.

An Adams County District Court jury convicted Misegadis late Friday after a week-long trial on charges of first-degree felony murder, aggravated robbery, robbery of an at-risk victim, tampering with a deceased body, aggravated motor vehicle theft and vehicular eluding.

Sentencing is set for 8:30 a.m. August 2 in Division F.

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