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Man Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter in Russian Roulette Shooting Death

Marquis Leon Brooks pleaded guilty to manslaughter Tuesday in the shooting death of 22-year-old Zachary Espinosa-Bivens in February.

Espinosa-Bivens was shot in the head by Brooks (DOB 03/09/96) at an apartment in the Edgewood Apartments at 6980 Stuart Street in Westminster on February 22. Brooks had been drinking and using drugs, and was playing Russian roulette with his gun when he shot Espinosa-Bivens.

Brooks pleaded guilty to manslaughter (F4), possession of a controlled substance (DF4), special offender involving a deadly weapon (DF1) and driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. A fourth charge, special offender involving a deadly weapon (DF1) will be dismissed as part of the plea agreement.

Brooks will be sentenced at 8:30 July 17 in Division Q of Adams County District Court.

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