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Man Sentenced to 27 Years in Motel Murder

Joshua Isaac Hime pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to 27 years in prison Thursday for his role in the murder of a man at a Westminster motel.

He and Jeremy Nichols were charged with first-degree murder and robbery in the death of a man at a Westminster motel July 19, 2017. Westminster police found Jerome Lee Coleman, 57, dead on the floor in his room at the Super 8 Motel at 12055 Melody Drive. An autopsy concluded the cause of death was asphyxiation due to strangulation.

Deputy District Attorney Eric Hutchens told the court that Nichols is more culpable in the strangulation murder of Coleman but that Hime was wearing the victim's watch when he was arrested. "Hime did not reporter this murder, did not aid in any way this victim, and worst of all, he profited from the murder," Hutchens said.

Hime (DOB 8/18/79), pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to 27 years in prison Thursday. Nichols (DOB 04/21/84), also has pleaded guilty to second degree murder and will be sentenced April 25.

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