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Man Convicted of First-degree Murder in Shooting Death of Neighbor over Dog

Michael Kourosh Sadeghi (DOB 11/17/85) was convicted Monday of first-degree murder after deliberation in the shooting death of his neighbor, Dustin Schmidt, last year in Thornton.

Thornton police were dispatched to 4625 E. 106th Drive on March 27, 2018, on a report of shots fired. Schmidt, 42, was found shot in his back yard.

The shooting took place after a German-shepherd mix dog belonging to Schmidt's girlfriend jumped their back fence into the Sadeghi's yard. He was hanging by his leash when Schmidt pulled the dog back over the fence into his yard. Sadeghi and Schmidt argued, and Sadeghi shot Schmidt four times.

The Adams County District Court jury returned the guilty verdict after deliberating about two hours. The trial began with jury selection last Monday, April 29.

Sadeghi will be sentenced at 10 a.m. June 24 in Division Q of Adams County District Court.