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Man Sentenced to Life Plus 100 Years in Prison for the Fatal Shooting at a Thornton Bar

Gary Lynn Wideman was sentenced Friday to life in prison without parole plus 100 years in the fatal shooting at a Thornton bar in 2018.

Wideman (DOB 10/31/81) was at the Extra Point Bar at 4050 E. 100th Avenue in Thornton when a brawl took place on August 11, 2018. After the fight concluded, Wideman went to his vehicle, retrieved his gun, and returned to the bar with it.

Surveillance video showed Wideman enter the back of the bar with his gun raised as patrons dove under chairs and tables and fled for their lives. Wideman fired two shots into the kitchen of the bar. An employee, Brenda Lee Martinez, 37, was shot and killed. Three other people were wounded, but survived.

An Adams County jury convicted Wideman of first-degree murder, five counts of attempted first-degree murder, three counts of first-degree assault, and one count of second degree assault.

District Attorney Dave Young said, "The jury's verdict and the Judge's sentence accurately reflects the complete lack of respect for the value of human life that the defendant's actions displayed in his crimes and I hope the victim's family feel that justice was achieved in this case."

"When he pointed that gun and fired those shots, Mr. Wideman took one life and shattered many others," said Chief Trial Deputy Brian Mason at sentencing.

District Court Judge Tomee Crespín sentenced the defendant.

The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Brian Mason and Senior Deputy District Attorney Katelyn L. Konecny.

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