

Man sentenced for deaths of Atchison man, Colorado woman

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A jury has convicted a Colorado Springs man in a 2018 double-slaying in which a former Atchison, Kansas man and Parker, Colorado woman were shot and left in a burning car in a scheme to steal marijuana.**

**The panel on Friday found Nashid Rayon Rivers guilty of of first-degree murder in the April 2018 killings of 20-year-old Marcus Denton and 21-year-old Serena Garcia in western Colorado Springs.**

**Rivers also was convicted of aggravated robbery, tampering with human bodies and other counts.**

**Fourth Judicial District Judge Frances Johnson imposed an automatic penalty of life in prison without parole. Rivers told the judge he was innocent.**

**Jurors returned their verdict after more than two days of deliberation, after a trial that lasted about two weeks.**

**Co-defendant, 22-year-old Marquis Hazard, is also charged with first-degree murder under the complicity theory, accused of helping to plot and cover up the robbery. His trial is scheduled for September.**

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