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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN WIFE'S MURDER**

A 56-year-old man accused of the stabbing death of his wife, 49-year-old Rebecca Knox has pleaded guilty.

**Michael Burnette** (dob: 11-30-56) was formally charged with *first-degree murder* (F1) in October. At the end of May, he pleaded guilty to *second-degree murder* (F2).

On October 24, 2012, Burnette and the victim were involved in an altercation at their home. During this altercation, Burnette stabbed the victim. She did not survive the injuries.

Burnette faces up to 48 years in prison when he is sentenced on August 5, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. in Denver District Courtroom 5H.

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