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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR MURDER OF ARMY VET**

A man convicted of murdering an Army veteran in July 2011 in the area of East 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Paris Street has been sentenced to life in prison today.

**Ricky Scott** (dob: 02-13-89) was found guilty last December of one count of *first-degree murder* (F1). He appeared in Denver District Court today and was sentenced to a mandatory term of life in prison without parole.

In July 2011, Scott met the victim, 25-year-old Sergeant Anthony Silva, at a bar near the motel where Silva was staying and later shot and killed him. Scott was later identified as a suspect by the Denver Police Department's Homicide Unit and was arrested on August 26, 2011.

Tony's parents, who travelled from Illinois for today's hearing, were joined in the courtroom by numerous family members and friends. They spoke of their heartache at losing their son just as he was returning home to begin the rest of his life after serving in the military. The case was prosecuted by Denver Deputy DA Phil Reinert and Deputy DA Lara Mullins.

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