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Police Press Release

INCIDENT	Arrest made in shooting of Adam Fresquez
DATE - TIME	May 3, 2023 9:39 a.m.
LOCATION	5500 block of W. 20 th Avenue, City of Edgewater
VICTIM	Adam Fresquez, 33-year-old Denver resident
SUSPECT	Jeremy Smith, 39-year-old Denver resident
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Details

The Edgewater Police Department, in partnership with First Judicial District Attorney Alexis King, is announcing that Jeremy Alan Smith (DOB: 6-11-1984) of Denver has been arrested for the shooting of Adam Michael Fresquez (DOB: 3-29-90) on May 3, 2023, at the Tesla supercharger station in Edgewater.

On May 3, 2023, at approximately 9:39 am, officers from the Edgewater Police Department were dispatched to the Edgewater Public Market at the 5500 block of W 20th Avenue in reference to a person who had been shot. This person was identified as Adam Fresquez, who later died of his injuries.

Video evidence shows that Fresquez and Smith arrived at the supercharger station within seconds of each other. Once parked, Fresquez is seen walking toward Smith's Tesla. Less than one minute later, Fresquez is seen stumbling. Smith is then seen pulling out of the parking space and driving east. Within minutes, Smith called 911 and reported that he had maced and shot an individual at the charging station after the individual "pulled a gun" on him.

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The months-long investigation revealed that Smith and Fresquez, both driving Tesla vehicles, engaged in road rage that led to a confrontation. Evidence indicates that Fresquez was maced and shot twice in the back. The evidence further indicates that both Fresquez and Smith were armed, after West Metro Fire Department personnel located a firearm inside Fresquez's clothes, near his groin area.

On Sep. 19, 2023, we presented the investigation to First Judicial District Attorney Alexis King. In the following months, the investigation continued, and additional items of evidence were collected and submitted for forensic testing. On Dec. 6th, 2023, the final forensic results were obtained.

Earlier today, officers from the Edgewater Police Department arrested Smith at his residence in Denver and booked him into the Jefferson County Jail. His first appearance is scheduled for tomorrow morning, and bond will be addressed at that time.

Statement from Edgewater Police Chief Eric Sonstegard:

"Our priority from the beginning of the case was to present a thorough and complete investigation. I recognize the tremendous toll that the long wait has taken on Adam's family. I am thankful to District Attorney King and her staff for their tremendous teamwork throughout this investigation and that they will be moving forward with a criminal prosecution."

Statement from District Attorney Alexis King:

"I appreciate all the hard work that the Edgewater Police Department and my investigative team have dedicated to the investigation of what occurred on the morning of May 3, 2023. After a careful legal analysis and considering all available evidence, we have decided that criminal charges must be filed, and we will now proceed with a criminal prosecution."

Smith was arrested on charges of Murder in the Second Degree, and Manslaughter.

All media inquiries should be directed to the First Judicial District Attorney's Office.

A copy of the arrest affidavit can be requested from the court at jeffcorecordrequest@judicial.state.co.us. The court case number is 23CR3066.

The charges are merely legal allegations, and Jeremy Smith is presumed innocent of the charges against him unless and until he is proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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