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Convicted Murderer Receives Additional Prison Time in Violent Death of Fellow Inmate in Lincoln County

Castle Rock, CO 40-year-old Arthur Price has been sentenced to an additional 41 and a half years in prison for the fatal bludgeoning and strangulation of a fellow inmate at the Limon Correctional Facility.

August 17, 2023, Price attacked 67-year-old inmate Paul Hack in a cell, then dragged his body down several flights of stairs. The aftermath of the assault was captured on chilling surveillance video. Price then sat beside Hack's body and waited for correctional officers. As he was escorted away Price stated, "That's what child molesters get. Hope you rot in hell."

Price pled guilty to second degree murder, first degree assault, and abuse of a corpse. At the time, Price had served 12 years of a 36-year sentence for murder. Hack was a convicted child molester, but prosecutors argued Price's motive was not vigilante justice but an attempt to secure a transfer to another facility and avoid repaying significant debts he had accumulated at Limon.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Keegan Doheney said Price will now have the rest of his life to reflect on his actions. "Our office will continue to prosecute killers in our jurisdiction, even if the victims themselves are criminals," said Doheney.

Chief Deputy DA Eva Wilson echoed that sentiment, stating, "The defendant was already serving a 36-year sentence for killing a woman in Arapahoe County in 2013, when he chose to kill again at the Limon Correctional Facility. The victim was beaten, strangled, and

dragged down three flights of stairs where his bloody, broken corpse was left for all to see. A sentence of 41 and a half years should keep him in prison until 2082, if he lives that long.”

23rd Judicial District Attorney George Brauchler emphasized that the sentence should send a clear message to inmates throughout Lincoln, Douglas and Elbert Counties. “It is rarified air to be responsible for the unlawful killing of two human beings,” said Brauchler. “There is no room in society- or even general population in prison- for someone who so wantonly kills. He gambled that he could kill with impunity by banking on a lie...but the Price was wrong. This is why we build prisons.”