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Mohave County Jury Convicts Lake Havasu City Man of Manslaughter

On May 23, 2024, Lake Havasu City man was sentenced to 15 years prison following a jury trial conviction of Manslaughter. Angel Caldera was charged and tried on a charge of Second Degree Murder after he had an argument with his roommate and shot the victim approximately 12 times. The jury rejected Caldera's self-defense claim and found him guilty on a lesser offense of Manslaughter on April 26, 2024.

Judge Billy K. Sipe Jr. said, "You are a statistic. You used a firearm unlawfully. I'm a believer in the 2nd Amendment and I support the 2nd Amendment, but people keep using it unlawfully, and they are going to prison for it." He found that Caldera was in a different category than other offenders due to his firearm and concealed carry training.

The conviction followed a May 2023 incident where the victim was in the process of moving out of the residence owned by Caldera. According to Caldera, the victim was taking too long to exit the residence and Caldera entered the victim's bedroom. An argument and scuffle ensued, wherein Caldera, an NRA certified concealed carry licensee and employee at a local gun shop, drew a firearm and fired approximately 12 shots, at least 4 in the back, ultimately killing the unarmed victim.

The Mohave County Attorney's Office praises the advocacy of Kristen Smith at the Office of Victim Services for her excellent advocacy on behalf of the victim's family, as well as the Lake Havasu City Police Department for their great investigation of this incident.