

Court Upholds Worker's Murder Conviction for Shooting of Boss Who Fired Him



After a company fired a worker, he was escorted from the premises, quite angry. He returned to the workplace the next day during the company holiday party. Using a shotgun, he killed one of the executives who'd fired him. The worker was convicted of second degree murder and appealed. The court said there was ample evidence that the shooting wasn't accidental as the worker claimed. For example, there were many eye witnesses and he told a police officer soon after the shooting that he'd just killed 'his boss who had ruined his life.' So it was reasonable for the jury to conclude that it was a planned and deliberate killing, concluded the court [*R. v. Kirkpatrick*, [2013] BCCA 526 (CanLII), Dec. 9, 2013].