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BREAKING NEWS: Student leader sees better uses for final bonus

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A Denver District Court jury acquitted a second man Monday in the fatal shooting of the son of a former Denver police detective.

Eddie Butler, 20, was acquitted of first-degree murder in the death of Jeremy Phillips, 27, who was shot when he visited a memorial near Falcon Park in Montbello for a teen who had been killed three days earlier.

Last month, a Denver jury acquitted Emmanuel Fisher, 22, who also was charged with first-degree murder in Phillips' death.

Phillips, the son of retired Detective William Phillips, was shot while driving away from the memorial site near Maxwell Place and Atchison Way on April 20, 2004.

The makeshift memorial was dedicated to Carol Peoples Jr., a 16-year-old Montbello High School student who was shot and killed April 17, 2004, near Falcon Park. Christopher Baldwin was sentenced to 40 years in prison in September 2005 in Peoples' murder.

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