

## Resident Involved In Fatal Shooting Won't Face Charges

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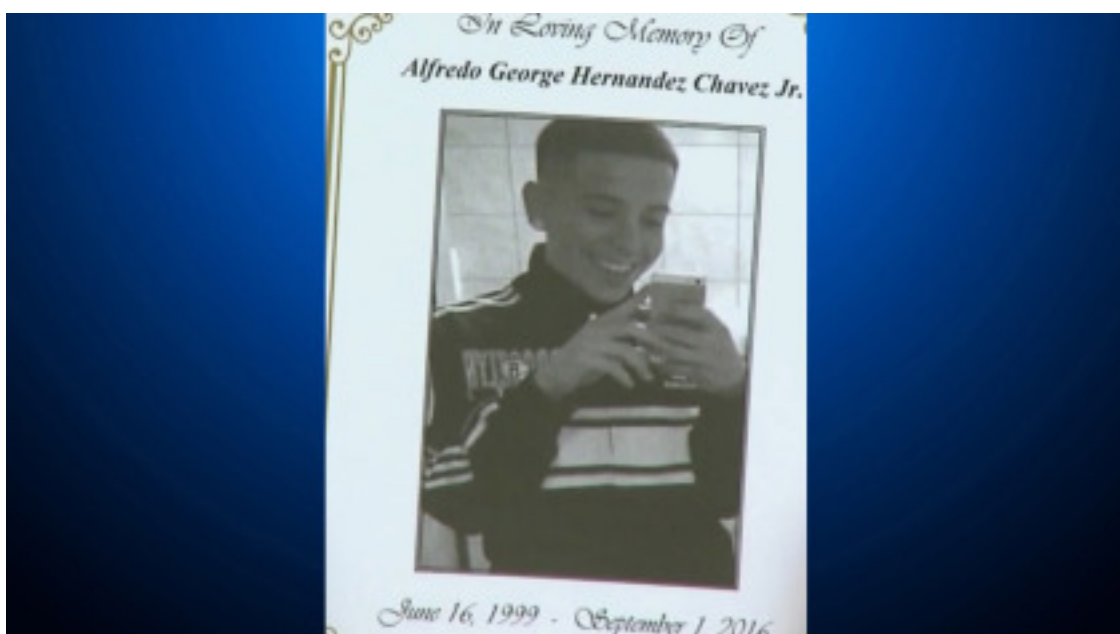
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By **Rick Sallinger**

**ADAMS COUNTY, Colo. (CBS4)** – No homicide charges will be filed against a man who shot a [teenager](#) to death who was believed to be in a group attempting to steal marijuana plants.

Seventeen-year-old Alfred “Fredo” Chavez of Denver was killed Sept. 1 at the [home](#) at 76th Avenue and Raritan Street in Adams County.



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[Law enforcement](#) authorities believe Chavez and several other teens got into the backyard of the home. The resident heard a noise in his garage. He came out with a gun, went around a corner where he said he confronted four people.



(credit: CBS)

The resident, Levi Isidro Sisneros, told investigators that one of them threw something at him. He said he then fired a “warning shot.” That single shot struck Chavez in the back, killing him.



Levi Sisneros (credit: Adams County)

Sisneros was initially arrested by the Adams County Sheriff’s Department on first degree murder charges. District Attorney Dave [Young](#) told CBS4’s Rick Sallinger he did not feel the charges could result in a conviction in court.

“We not only have to prove that a [crime](#) occurred, but we have to disprove that it was self defense,” he said. Sisneros was released. He is a registered marijuana “caregiver.”

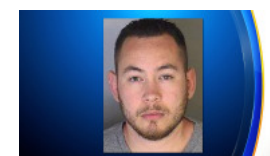
“He said he was scared for his life, but he shot my son in his back, how is that justified?” said Chavez’s [mother](#) Priscilla Hernandez.

She and other [family members](#) carried signs calling for justice for Chavez on Thursday.

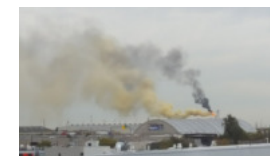
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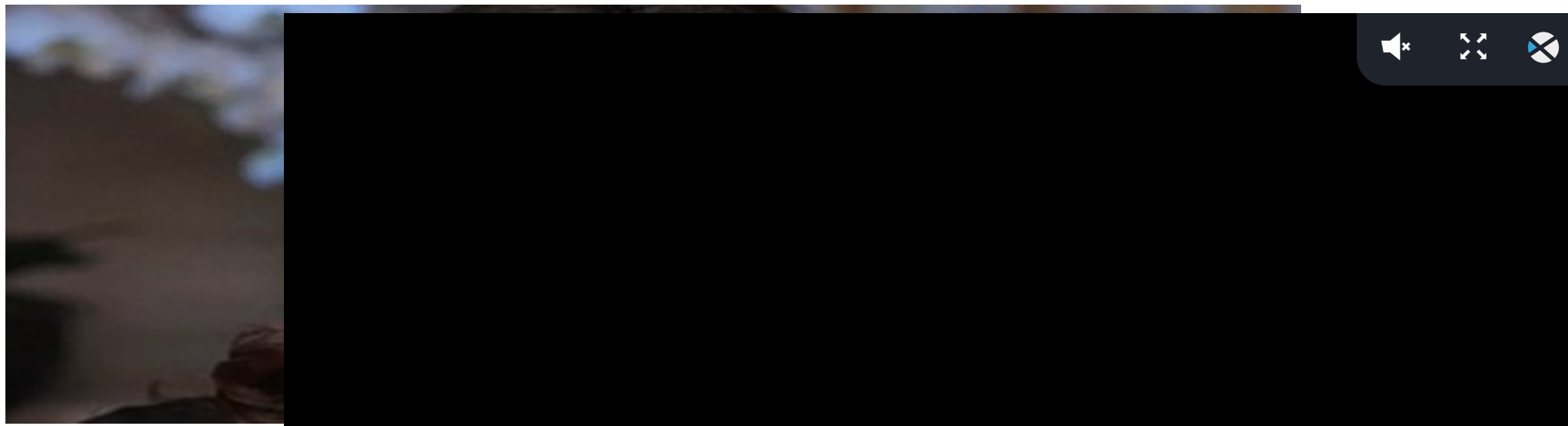
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In that case, a 15-year-old was killed and a 14-year-old injured in an apparent theft of marijuana from an illegal backyard grow. The resident is believed to have fired from a second floor window.

Young noted the [facts](#) were different in the Adams County case.

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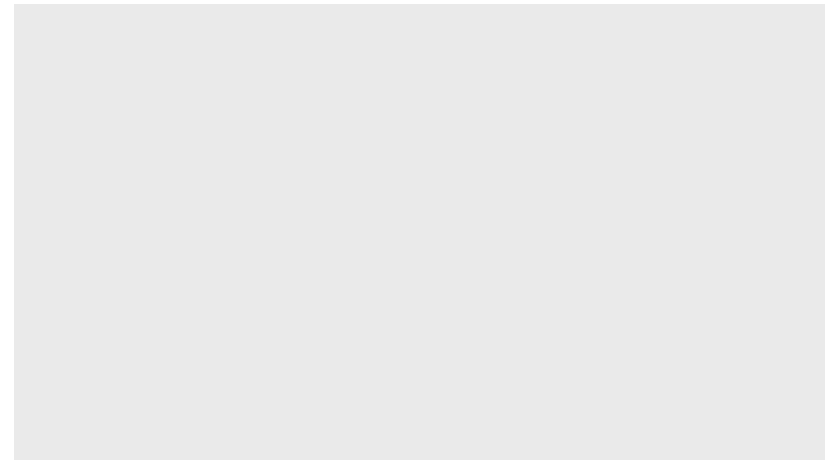
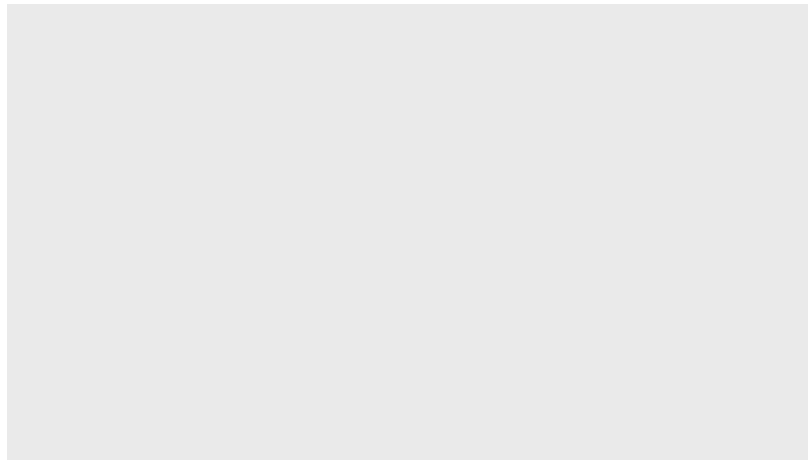
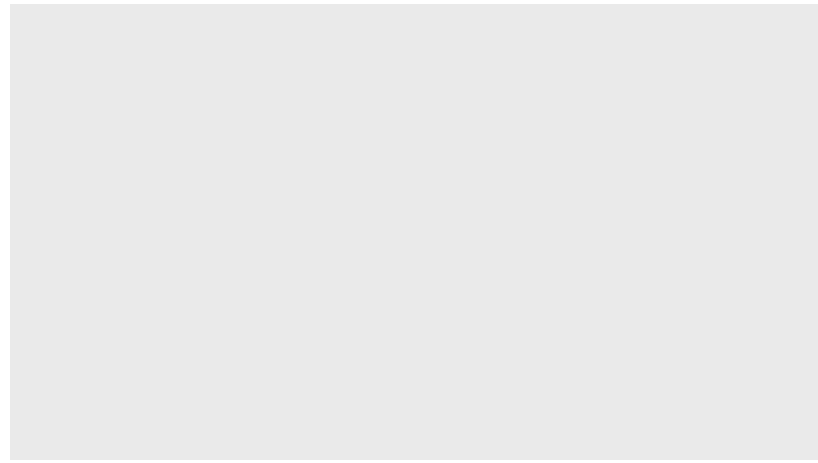
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