

# Breaking News

## Delling to plead guilty to Moscow murder

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MOSCOW -- John Delling, who went on a multistate violent crime spree that left two men dead in Idaho and another seriously wounded in Arizona, will plead guilty to second-degree murder for shooting his high school friend David Boss in 2007 in his Moscow apartment.

Delling had already pleaded guilty in May to second-degree murder in the shooting death of Bradley Morse in Boise shortly after he killed Boss.

"We've been talking for a long time with Ada County, coordinating and exchanging information," said Latah County Prosecutor William Thompson Jr. "(Delling) indicated through his attorneys that he was willing to engage in a similar resolution with the Ada County case."

Thompson said the state would recommend the maximum sentence, life in prison, due to the "egregious" nature of the crimes. The minimum sentence for second-degree murder is 10 years, Thompson said. The sentences for each murder would be served at the same time, he said.

The state Department of Corrections would have discretion on whether Delling will be housed in the state penitentiary's general population, or in its psychiatric section. Delling has a history of severe mental illness, and it took months of treatment before he was declared fit to stand trial.

After his 2007 arrest outside of Reno, Nev., in Morse's stolen car, Delling told investigators he targeted friends and acquaintances because he believed they were stealing his aura or power.

During his spree, he drove to Tucson, Ariz., where he shot former high school classmate Jacob Thompson, who later recovered. Delling has not been charged in the Arizona case.

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For more on this story, see Thursday's Lewiston Tribune.