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Contact: Kimberly Corban • [kweeks@co.weld.co.us](mailto:kweeks@co.weld.co.us) • 970.356.4010 ext. 4702  
Re: Road Rage Stabbing Defendant Found Guilty

Greeley, CO – On Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> a Weld County jury convicted Joey Ray Hernandez (DOB 12/18/1994) of Assault 1 Causing Serious Bodily Injury with a Deadly Weapon (F3) following a three-day trial. Hernandez was found to have stabbed the victim, Dallas Jackson (06/01/1997) in the back following a road rage incident in Fort Lupton on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Deputy District Attorneys Michael Pirraglia and Nicole Pakiz prosecuted the case.

According to police reports, Jackson was the passenger in a vehicle that rear-ended Hernandez. When the parties exited their vehicles, Jackson attempted to turn and flee with his hands up. Hernandez stepped on Jackson's leg and stabbed him in the back with a pocket knife before leaving the scene. Jackson was treated for injuries at the emergency room.

Jackson's neurosurgeon testified during the trial that the victim will suffer from life-long injuries after having been stabbed in the spine.

Following the verdict, Deputy District Attorney Pirraglia stated he was "relieved for the victim and his family. He was truly an innocent party in this and the defendant's actions were egregious." Deputy District Attorney Pakiz added "this was clearly not an act of self-defense and the jury was quick to recognize the deliberate nature of Mr. Hernandez's crime."

Hernandez will be sentenced on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM in Weld County District Court Division 15 in front of the Honorable Judge Thomas Quammen.

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