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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: December 18th, 2015
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Re: Man Charged with Bias-Motivated Crime Sentenced

Greeley, CO – On December 18th, Dominic Israel Preciado (DOB 10/14/95) of Evans, CO, was sentenced for Third Degree Assault in Weld County District Court. Preciado was originally charged with a bias-motivated crime for an altercation that took place in the early morning hours of August 11th, 2015.

Preciado had approached the victim and his wife in the parking lot of Wal-Mart, began making racial slurs, and expressed discontent with the fact that they were an interracial couple. Preciado made threats, cursed, and attempted to fight the victim, all of which was filmed on a cellular phone. The victim, a military veteran, never retaliated, but instead used his tactical training to restrain the defendant until Greeley Police Department officers arrived.

Preciado was arrested for his actions that evening as well as two outstanding municipal warrants. His prior convictions included a misdemeanor in 2014 for resisting arrest and a petty offense charge in 2012 for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was on probation at the time of the offense.

Preciado was sentenced to 9 months of jail, 201 days credit for time served, two years of mental health caseload probation, as well as mental health assessments and treatment. Deputy District Attorney Tate Costin prosecuted the case.

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