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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: April 4th, 2016
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Re: Man Sentenced in Charity Event Assault

Greeley, CO – On Tuesday, March 29th, the Honorable Judge Hoskins followed a stipulated plea agreement and sentenced Juan Caudillo-Montes (DOB 04/15/66) to twelve years in the Department of Corrections. On March 1st, Caudillo-Montes plead guilty to Criminal Attempt to Commit First Degree Assault (F4). Deputy District Attorney Tamara Love prosecuted the case for the Weld County District Attorney's Office.

According to Weld County Sheriff's Office reports, on March 29th, 2015, Caudillo-Montes, co-defendant Moises Caudillo, and victim Benjamin Lopez were attending a fundraiser party together in south Weld County. Lopez went to use the restroom when Caudillo Montes and Caudillo came in to the bathroom and locked the door behind them. Caudillo allegedly pushed Lopez into a stall and both men proceeded to physically assault the victim. The affidavit states Caudillo slammed Lopez's head into stall and began to strangle him while Caudillo-Montes held Lopez's fingers back. Both defendants punched and kicked Lopez multiple times, including in the head.

When Montes told Caudillo-Montes, "Give me the knife and I will just kill him now," Caudillo-Montes responded by stating, "Let's just get out of here, let's just go home, he is going to die anyway." Both Caudillo and Caudillo-Montes then fled the scene together. Lopez was later transported to Platte Valley Medical Center for treatment.

Moises Caudillo's case is still pending and set for hearing on April 13th, 2016 at 3:00 PM in Division 12.

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