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WASHINGTON PLEADS GUILTY

A man scheduled to go on trial this week for the attempted murder of a woman he is accused of shooting at last September has pleaded guilty today in connection with the case.

Brian Washington (dob: 04-10-79) pleaded guilty to first-degree assault (F3) this morning. In exchange for his guilty plea, other charges of attempted murder, menacing and illegal discharge of a weapon were dismissed.

The victim, a 55-year-old woman from Jefferson County, was in her car on September 18, 2006 when she stopped at 33rd Avenue and Potomac Street to let a pedestrian, later identified as Washington, cross the street. The charges allege that as Washington crossed in front of her vehicle he pulled out a gun and fired through the car windshield. The victim, who ducked just as the shot was fired, was uninjured and was able to drive away.

Washington faces up to 26 years in prison when he is sentenced on July 18, 2007 at 1:30 in Denver District Courtroom 6.