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WASHINGTON GIVEN MAXIMUM SENTENCE

Brian Washington (dob: 04-10-79) appeared for sentencing in Denver District Court today. Washington pleaded guilty earlier this summer to first-degree assault (F3) in connection with a shooting last fall.

After hearing from the victim about the impact of the shooting on her life, Denver District Court Judge Larry Naves sentenced Washington to 26 years in prison – the maximum sentence allowed under the terms of the guilty plea agreement.

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 Pontiac Street to let a pedestrian, later identified as Washington, cross the street. 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 and call police from her cell phone.

Washington was remanded to the custody of the Department of Corrections.