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YACTEEN SENTENCED TO PRISON

A man accused in a 2005 crime spree that included the attempted murder of Mark Cohn and a series of attempted car-jackings has been sentenced to 36 years in prison.

Joseph Yacteen (DOB: 03-25-79) pleaded guilty earlier to *attempted first-degree murder—extreme indifference* (F2).

At today's sentencing hearing, Denver Deputy DA Victoria Sharp asked for a maximum sentence of 48 years in the Department of Corrections, citing the extremely dangerous crime spree. Yacteen apologized for his actions and was hoping for a minimum sentence – 16 years – which is what his lawyer requested. Denver District Court Judge Christina Habas acknowledged her decision was a difficult one as she handed down a 36-year term.

Patricia Vail (DOB: 11-15-81), who earlier pleaded guilty to being an accessory, is currently serving two years probation.