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MAN SENTENCED AFTER BREAKING INTO COP'S HOME

A man who broke into the home of a Denver police officer on the morning of October 29, 2006, has been sentenced today.

Dustin Mertz (DOB: 05-22-88) was sentenced today after he pleaded guilty in July to *first-degree criminal trespassing* (F5), and to a lesser charge of *third-degree assault* (M1).

He was sentenced to two years probation on a deferred judgment, 100 hours of community service and \$594.00 of restitution. He was also sentenced to nine months in the Denver County Jail with work release privileges.

Mertz was shot by the officer with a less-than-lethal force shotgun after breaking into the home.

The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. *See* Colo. RPC 3.6