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GUILTY PLEA IN ATTEMPTED DISPENSARY ROBBERY

A man accused of trying to rob a Denver marijuana dispensary last year has pleaded guilty in connection with the case and will face 42 years in prison when he is sentenced.

James Leyva (dob: 11-08-88) pleaded guilty to *attempted aggravated robbery* (F4) naming all seven victims, *menacing* (F5), *illegal discharge of a firearm* (F5) and two *Habitual Criminal* counts.

Leyva went into a Denver marijuana dispensary on December 16, 2009 armed with a handgun and tried to rob the facility. Leyva fired at one of the victims but his gun jammed and the other victims were able to disarm him and hold him until police arrived.

Leyva remains in custody. As part of the guilty plea agreement, he will be sentenced to 42 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections when he is sentenced on February 7, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in Denver District Courtroom 4H.