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GUILTY PLEA IN OFFICER MEMORIAL VANDALISM

A man accused of vandalizing the Fallen Officer Memorial in the plaza at Denver Police Headquarters earlier this year has pleaded guilty in the case.

Robert Guerrero (dob: 01-19-90) pleaded guilty yesterday to *criminal mischief* (F6). He went to immediate sentencing, and was given two years of probation and was ordered to pay \$2,500 in restitution.

On February 14, 2015, Guerrero and another man defaced the Fallen Officer Memorial in the plaza area of Denver Police Headquarters.

Chief Deputy DA Bonnie Benedetti noted to the Court that both the Denver Police Department and the Denver District Attorney fully supported his First Amendment right to free speech but that causing property damage became a criminal matter. Guerrero addressed the court during the hearing, apologizing for crossing the line from free speech to vandalism.

The co-defendant in this case, **Matthew Goldberg** (dob: 04-21-91) pleaded not guilty earlier this year, but failed to appear for his most recent court hearing in July 2015. A warrant for his arrest has been issued; anyone with information about his whereabouts should contact local law enforcement.