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GUILTY PLEA IN ATTEMPTED MURDER OF OFFICER

The man accused of shooting and seriously wounding a Denver police officer last December has pleaded guilty today in connection with the shooting and a home invasion robbery that preceded the shooting, as well as possessing contraband in the Denver Detention Center.

Jason Wood (dob: 08-23-79) pleaded guilty today to *attempted first-degree murder* (F2), *robbery* (F4), and *possession of contraband* (F6).

On September 30, 2015, Wood and a co-defendant, **Jennifer Lovato** (dob: 08-03-76), went into a home in 3800 block of Perry Street, assaulted two people, and then stole tattoo equipment and a woman's purse. On December 8, 2015, Wood opened fire on Denver police officer Tony Lopez, Jr. during a traffic stop near Federal Boulevard and Clyde Place, and then carjacked a vehicle in an attempt to flee the scene. In April, a homemade knife was found in Wood's jail cell.

Wood will face 52 years in prison when he is sentenced next Friday, June 17, 2016, in Denver District Courtroom 4H, at 1:30 p.m. Denver Police Officer Tony Lopez and his family were in the courtroom today to observe the disposition hearing.

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey noted, "There were two fortunate men in that courtroom today, saved by a simple tourniquet. It saved Officer Lopez's life, and the defendant avoided a life sentence or worse. Officer Lopez continues a long and difficult recovery, and we wish him and his family the very best."

The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy DA Matt Wenig and Deputy DA Danielle Sexton.