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52-YEAR SENTENCE FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER OF OFFICER

The man who shot and seriously wounded a Denver police officer last December has been sentenced today in connection with the shooting, a home invasion robbery that preceded the shooting, and the possession of contraband in the Denver Detention Center.

Jason Wood (dob: 08-23-79) pleaded guilty last week to *attempted first-degree murder* (F2), *robbery* (F4), and *possession of contraband* (F6). He was sentenced today to a total of 52 years in prison as part of the negotiated guilty plea.

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.

The victim and several members of his family spoke at the sentencing hearing, describing the horror of December 8th and the continuing impact of the shooting on Sgt. Lopez and his entire family. The defendant did not speak.

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