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**MAN CONVICTED IN ASSAULT OF POLICE OFFICER;  
FACES PROSECUTION IN FOUR MORE CASES**

A Denver District Court jury returned a verdict late last Friday in connection with an officer-involved shooting in July 2016.

**Darius E. Ratcliff** (dob: 08-01-1996) was convicted after a four-day trial last week of *first degree assault-peace officer* (F3) in connection with an officer-involved shooting in July 2016. The jury found Ratcliff not guilty of *attempted murder-peace officer* (F2). Charges were filed August 10, 2016.

On July 31, 2016, in the 3300 block alley of N. Olive Street, Denver police officers attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Ratcliff which matched the description of a vehicle allegedly involved in a prior shooting. Ratcliff eluded officers and fled the vehicle but was located nearby. Ratcliff fired shots at the police officers and one returned fire, striking Ratcliff in the abdomen. Ratcliff had three outstanding warrants for his arrest at the time of the shooting, including warrants for *first degree murder*, *burglary*, and *attempted murder*, as described in the charges below.

Ratcliff has also been charged with:

- One count of *first degree murder* (F1), three counts of *attempted murder* (F2), and two counts of *first degree assault* (F3) and one count *second degree assault* (F4) in connection with an alleged shooting on November 6, 2015, in the 100 block of S. Bannock Avenue that left one dead and several injured (16CR20007). Charges were filed July 21, 2016.
- Three counts of *burglary* (F2, F3, and F4), and one count of *criminal mischief* (F6) in connection with the alleged burglary of a marijuana dispensary on June 3, 2016, in the 4000 block of Jackson Street (16CR04895). Charges were filed August 3, 2016.
- Four counts of *attempted murder* (F2), four counts *attempted first degree assault* (F4), four counts of *menacing* (F5), and one count of *illegal discharge of a firearm* (F5) in connection with an alleged shooting on September 27, 2015, in the 3300 block of N. Colorado Boulevard (16CR048984). Charges were filed August 9, 2016.
- One count of *escape from pending felony* (F4) for allegedly fleeing from police as he was being escorted from the city jail into Denver Health Medical Center on September 23, 2016. He was captured moments later (16CR06206). Charges were filed September 28, 2016.