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## MAN GUILTY OF ATTEMPTED MURDER/ASSAULT—NOW ON THE RUN

A man accused of attempted murder and assault against four victims in September 2015 was found guilty today on all counts. But the defendant did not hear the jury verdict because he failed to appear in court; he is now wanted.

**Francisco Perez** (dob: 10-25-1989) was found guilty of four counts of *attempted* 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder (F2) one count of first degree assault (F3), and three counts of attempted 1<sup>st</sup> degree assault (F4).

In September 2015, Perez opened fire on four persons following a verbal altercation in the 4300 block of N. Tejon Street, seriously injuring one of the victims. Perez was in a black Lincoln vehicle at the time with a fellow occupant, and the four victims were in two separate vehicles before approaching the Lincoln on foot when the shooting occurred.

Perez was out of custody on bond, but failed to return to court today for his ongoing jury trial, which began on November 27. A warrant for Perez' arrest was issued, trial continued today and the jury returned its verdict late this afternoon.

Perez should be considered armed and dangerous. He may or may not be wearing glasses. Citizens are urged NOT to approach Perez if they see him. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Francisco Perez should call 911 or Denver Metro Crime Stoppers at 720-913-7867, or text DMCS plus your message at 274637.