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## News Release

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### Convicted Homicide Suspect Sentenced for Assaults in Pueblo County Jail

**Pueblo, CO:** A 29-year-old man was sentenced to the maximum of 12 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections today after pleading guilty in three unprovoked assaults in the Pueblo County Jail, including two involving detention deputies and the other involving an inmate.

Adre Baroz pled guilty to second-degree assault on a peace officer in connection with the separate assaults of a detention sergeant and an inmate in 2022 and two detention deputies in 2023. Baroz was being held in the Pueblo County Jail on a courtesy hold from Alamosa County when the assaults occurred.

Baroz was sentenced last week in Alamosa County to five consecutive life sentences plus 140 years in the 2020 kidnapping and murders of five people, whose dismembered and burned bodies were found in rural Conejos County. The sentence imposed today in Pueblo County will run concurrent to those sentences.

“Today’s sentencing was a matter of principle because we know Mr. Baroz is going to spend the rest of his life in prison,” said Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero. “However, we are very pleased that our district attorney’s office was willing to take these cases seriously and move forward with charging Baroz and seeking a fair sentence for our deputies and the inmate involved in these senseless acts.”

In 2022, Baroz assaulted an inmate in the Pueblo County Jail, causing serious bodily injury. Also in 2022, Baroz assaulted a detention sergeant, who was coming to the aid of another deputy Baroz had taken a Taser from and was attempting to use on the deputy. The sergeant suffered only minor injuries.

In early 2023, Baroz assaulted another detention deputy in an unprovoked incident. Baroz ran up behind the deputy and punched him in the face. A second deputy arrived in the wing to assist, and Baroz turned and began assaulting that deputy as well. Both deputies were eventually able to gain distance between themselves and Baroz. One of the deputies deployed OC spray allowing them to gain compliance and place Baroz in hand restraints.

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Both deputies were treated at a local hospital for injuries sustained in the assault. One of the deputies suffered serious bodily injury. Baroz was then moved to another county's jail after the 2023 assaults.

Baroz's sentencing comes as the nation recognizes National Correctional Officers Week (May 5-11), started in 1984 by President Ronald Reagan to thank and celebrate correctional officers for their service.

"I want to thank all of our detention deputies for their commitment and dedication to serving and protecting this community in the behind-the-scenes role they perform day-in and day-out," Lucero said.

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