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Man Who Shot at Police Sentenced to 96 years in DOC

Pueblo, CO: A Pueblo man who was found guilty in July of shooting at several Pueblo Police officers responding to a 2021 menacing call was sentenced today to 96 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections.

James Justice, 44, was found guilty in July on several charges including four counts of attempted first-degree murder in a January 2021 incident where he shot at police officers as they responded to the menacing call on the northside of Pueblo near Elizabeth St.

Justice initially shot at one officer and then ran from police to a nearby mobile home park where he would shoot at three more officers. None of the officers were injured. Justice was eventually taken into custody inside the mobile home park. He has been in the Pueblo County Jail since his arrest in January 2021.

Justice was sentenced today to 24 years on each of the four attempted first-degree murder charges with all sentences to be served consecutively.

The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office led the investigation of this incident and handled the criminal charges in the case.

"I'm grateful justice was served in this case," said Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero. "This defendant presented an extreme risk to the citizens of Pueblo as well as to the law enforcement officers doing their job to protect the community."

"I want to commend my staff that investigated this incident and the prosecution who worked this case, for their many, many hours in bringing this case to justice," Lucero added. "I also want to thank our partners on the Critical Incident Response Team – Pueblo Police, the 10th Judicial District Attorney's Office and Colorado State Patrol - who assisted with the investigation of this case."

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