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Littleton Man Will Spend 4 Years in Prison Following High-Speed Escape Attempt from Dougco Deputies in Stolen Vehicle

Joseph Blodgett was on parole in Arapahoe County at time of arrest in Highlands Ranch

Castle Rock, CO –31-year-old Joseph Blodgett of Littleton Colorado, was sentenced to four years behind bars after a dangerous attempt to flee from Douglas County deputies while driving a stolen vehicle. The incident occurred January 26, 2025, outside of the busy King Soopers on Highlands Ranch Parkway and University. Blodgett plead guilty to Felony Eluding and Reckless Endangerment.

At the time of his arrest, Blodgett was on parole from Arapahoe County for domestic assault and had previously escaped from community corrections. Dramatic surveillance video showed Blodgett fleeing in reverse at high speed through a parking crowded with pedestrians. Deputy Connor Lacey made a decisive effort to block Blodgett's path and protect bystanders. The suspect ultimately crashed into the patrol car and was arrested.

"We are grateful to the quick-thinking actions of Deputy Lacey who saved this offender from seriously hurting civilians," said Deputy District Attorney Chase Helseth. This sentence shows that if you run from Police and put our citizens at risk, you will be held accountable."

Douglas County Sheriff Darren Weekly agreed, saying, “Public safety is our top priority. When someone chooses to flee from the law and recklessly endangers the community, we will respond swiftly and decisively.”

District Attorney George Brauchler said the sentence will send a clear message to those who commit crimes in Douglas County.” If you choose to run from Douglas County law enforcement, bring a toothbrush and say goodbye to your loved ones. Our goal will be to put you in a place where you cannot threaten the safety of the community. That means incarceration. It is easier to pull over and take your medicine like a man.”

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