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# **Littleton Man Sentenced to 12 years in Prison Following Knife Attack on Douglas County Deputies**

**Castle Rock, CO** –A Littleton man has been sentenced to 12 years in the Department of Corrections after a jury found him guilty of multiple charges, including first degree assault on a peace officer with a deadly weapon.

31-year-old Corbin Klein was convicted in October after a violent confrontation with Douglas County Sheriff's Deputies in Highlands Ranch in 2024. The sentence was imposed Monday following the jury's verdict.

The case stemmed from a disturbing series of incidents that began when Klein vandalized a Pride display at a King Soopers store on Wildcat Reserve Parkway. Later that day he returned to the store and stole several balloons from the same display.

Deputy Rick Raymond and Commander Lori Bronner tracked Klein to another King Soopers location on Red Cedar Drive, after learning that he had called the store on Red Cedar, saying he planned to pick up more balloons. When confronted inside the store, Klein pulled a knife and advanced toward the deputies. The officers quickly subdued him after a tense standoff.

Douglas County Sheriff Darren Weekly commended his team for their professionalism and restraint. “Thanks to the quick thinking and courage of our deputies, no one was seriously injured, and a potentially deadly confrontation was safely resolved,” said Weekly.

Court testimony revealed Klein's father had contacted law enforcement the day before the incident, reporting concerns that his son was suicidal and had made threats to harm immigrants and himself.

In court, Klein testified he had been experiencing a mental health episode after he was laid off from work, and his dog died.

Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Steinberg, who prosecuted the case, said the judge's sentence reflects the seriousness of the attack. "This was a deliberate and dangerous act that put deputies lives at risk," said Steinberg. "This sentence holds the defendant accountable and reinforces that violence against peace officers will be met with firm consequences."

District Attorney George Brauchler echoed that sentiment, emphasizing the importance of accountability. "This case- involving yet another out of towner who came here to commit crimes- highlights three important facts about law enforcement in our community: they face unpredictable and potentially lethal situations every day, they are the best trained officers in the state, and if you try to hurt them, we will take away your freedom...lots of it."

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