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Colorado Bail Jumper Convicted of Attempted Murder

(Woodland, CA) – January 6, 2009 - On December 17, 2008, a Yolo County jury convicted 54 year old Roberto Barron, Jr. of Colorado, of two counts of attempted murder, two counts of assault with a firearm, and one count of possession of a firearm by a felon for shooting at Bail Recovery Agents who were trying to apprehend him.

On February 15, 2006, three Bail Recovery agents, Henry Elder, John Hayes and Dustin Cadotte were tracking Roberto Barron, Jr., because he had jumped bail out of Colorado for Attempted Murder and Advocating or Creating a Facility Disruption. After three months of tracking him, the Bail Recovery Agents learned that Mr. Barron was staying at the Golden Motel in West Sacramento.

When the Bail Recovery Agents went to Mr. Barron's room, they found he had barricaded the door and would not respond to their announcements. Using a key given to them by the Hotel Manager, the Bail Recovery Agents attempted to enter Mr. Barron's room. As the door was opened several inches, Mr. Barron opened fire with a firearm upon the Bail Recovery agents. Fortunately, the Bail Recovery Agents were able to avoid being shot and retreated to call West Sacramento Police

When Police arrived, Mr. Barron refused to exit the hotel room. He threatened to commit suicide with the gun he had shot at the Bail Recovery Agents. SWAT and Crisis Negotiators were also called in to negotiate Mr. Barron's surrender. After approximately one hour, Mr. Barron surrendered without further incident. Mr. Barron was charged with attempted murder, assault with a firearm and possession of a firearm by a felon.

"The Bail Recovery Agents in this case were simply trying to do their job of turning in a fugitive of justice when they were shot at. Thankfully, this dangerous repeat offender will be off our streets for years to come," said Deputy District Attorney Deanna Hays.

On January 5, 2009, the court found that Mr. Barron had suffered one prior strike under California's "Three Strike" Law. He faces a maximum of 59 years in prison. Sentencing is set for February 18, 2009 in front of the Honorable Judge Rosenberg.

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