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**PRESS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**RE: SENTENCED IMPOSED ON CHRISTOPHER TIFFANY IN ATTEMPTED FIRST-DEGREE MURDER AS A CRIME OF VIOLENCE IN DELTA COUNTY, COLORADO.**

On September 30, 2021, Judge Schulz imposed a sentence for Christopher Tiffany on one count of Attempted First Degree Murder against Tristen Schwind who was paralyzed because of Christopher Tiffany's actions. A sentence of 36 years to the Colorado Department of Corrections was imposed plus 5 years of mandatory parole. Under the terms of the plea agreement, District Court Judge Steven Schultz had the discretion to impose a sentence between 24 and 36 years in prison.

This Office extends their sympathies to Mr. Schwind, his family, and his friends. This Office acknowledges the toll this case has had on the communities of Delta County. The cooperation of the other witnesses who previously testified and were affected by this case are also recognized. We are thankful to all those who assisted in the prosecution of this case.

We recognize the expenditure of not only time, but energy, investigation, and resources by our partners in law enforcement including the Delta County Sheriff's Office, Nevada State Patrol, the Elko County Sheriff's Office, and the Colorado Bureau of Investigations. We appreciate the tireless efforts expended during the investigation of this criminal incident. The work performed by the Delta County Sheriff's Office, including Detective Sergeant Tyler Becker was extraordinary. This sentence is also the result of the hard work and diligence from the entire prosecution team, including Assistant District Attorney Rob Zentner, Deputy District Attorney Sergio Renteria, Investigator Josh Carrell, Victim/Witness Coordinator Caitlyn Revoir, and the legal services team, Teresa Trotta and LeAnn Martinez.

The District Attorney is pleased with the Court's sentence of 36 years and believes the sentence was thoughtfully imposed following the arguments of the parties during Thursday's emotional hearing.

*Making just decisions through courage, communication, understanding, and humility.*

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