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RE: Baruch Bachofer sentenced to 42 Years Prison

Baruch Joseph Bachofer, DOB: 4-6-70, of Fort Lupton appeared today in Jefferson County District Court and was sentenced to 42 years in prison to be served consecutively to a seven year prison sentence recently received in Weld County. This is his fourth felony conviction.

Bachofer was found guilty by a jury on April 10, after 22 days of trial, of the following counts:

- o 5 counts of felony menacing (for shots fired at police officers)
- o 7 counts of reckless endangerment
- o false imprisonment
- o failure to leave premises with hostage

He was charged with attempted murder after deliberation, attempted murder under the theory of extreme indifference, first degree kidnapping, 18 violent crime counts and sex assault of a person with a ten years age difference, but the jury acquitted on these counts and returned guilty verdicts on the counts listed above.

Bachofer was arrested by Arvada Police on 9-17-01 after barricading himself and a 15-year-old girl in a motor home in Arvada for over twelve hours and firing at police officers. Arvada Police officers had arrived at his residence, the RV, early that morning attempting to arrest him on a warrant out of Weld County for attempted murder and sexual assault. Bachofer refused to admit officers and barricaded himself in the RV. The 15-year-old female was his "girlfriend", but became a hostage as the day progressed. He fired at officers through the course of the day, but ultimately hostage negotiators and the SWAT team were able to arrest him with no loss of life.

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