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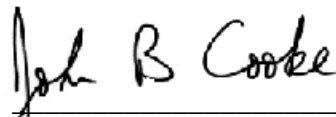
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – December 8, 2009**

### ***DEPUTY CONTAINS ATTEMPT ESCAPE INMATE***

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Deputy Mark Mellon was assaulted by inmate Gregory Trammell, age 49 of Greeley during an attempt escape from the hospital by Trammell at 2:28p.m. this date. Trammell had been taken to North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from the Weld County Jail after Trammell had self inflicted cuts to his forearms. Deputy Mellon was assigned to provide security. Trammell was allowed to use the restroom facilities in his hospital room to remove his orange jail uniform to put on a hospital gown when he tore the towel bar off the wall and began swinging the bar striking Deputy Mellon in the back of the head causing injury and biting Deputy Mellon on the right arm in an attempt to gain control of Deputy Mellon's firearm. Deputy Mellon maintained a hold on Trammell while Trammell continued to swing the bar striking two female nurses both in the head. One nurse suffered a severe laceration to the back of the head and the other nurse suffered a large knot. Deputy Mellon was treated in the emergency room for his injuries and released. Trammell is currently in custody on 19 counts of drug charges. Trammell will be charged with new charges of attempted escape, assault on a peace officer, two counts of second degree assault and an attempt to disarm a peace officer with a possibility of additional charges upon review.

  
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