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Man Charged in String of Robberies of Marijuana Grow Businesses

17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Wednesday that Rocky Pedersen has been charged with 35 counts including attempted first-degree murder in a string of armed robberies of marijuana grow businesses over the past five months.

Pedersen (DOB 10/13/85) is charged with four counts of attempted first-degree murder (F2), eight counts of aggravated robbery (F3), three counts of attempted aggravated robbery (F4), nine counts of menacing (F5), one count of theft (F5) and 10 counts of crime of violence, a sentencing enhancer.

Pedersen was advised of the charges Wednesday in Adams County Court. He is held on \$500,000 bond. He is due in court at 9 a.m. April 6 for preliminary hearing in Division 3 of Adams County Court.

The charges pertain to incidents at marijuana grow supply stores and one liquor store from October 26, 2016 to February 28, 2017 as follows:

- October 26, 2016 aggravated robbery at Grow Depot, 970 W. 104th Ave., Northglenn
- November 6, 2016 aggravated robbery at Way to Grow hydroponic supply store at 301 E. 57th Ave., Adams County
- December 10, 2016 aggravated robbery at Grow hydroponic supply store, 6395 Gunpark Drive, Boulder
- January 11, 2017 aggravated robbery at Won's Liquor store, 2021 E. 160th Ave., Adams County
- January 26, 2017 attempted aggravated robbery at Way to Grow hydroponic supply store, 301 E. 57th Ave., Adams County
- February 6, 2017 aggravated robbery at Grofax 5 Hydroponic Supply Center,

8868 Federal Blvd., Federal Heights

- February 28, 2017 shots fired at Grow Depot 970 W. 104TH Ave., Northglenn

The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual committed a crime under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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