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**Judge Orders Competency Evaluation for Ostrem**

Adams County District Judge Ted Tow ordered a competency evaluation Wednesday for Scott Allen Ostrem who is charged with first-degree murder and attempted first-degree murder in the fatal shooting at the Walmart in Thornton in November.

A motion to determine Ostrem's competency to proceed was filed by his public defenders.

A review hearing is set for 8:30 on April 2 in Division E of Adams County District Court. A preliminary hearing set for Monday is vacated.

Ostrem (DOB 03/08/70) is charged with 37 counts, including three counts of first-degree murder after deliberation (F1) and three counts of first-degree murder extreme indifference (F1) in the fatal shooting of three people at the Walmart located at 9901 Grant Street in Thornton on November 1. Ostrem also is charged with 30 counts of attempted first-degree murder extreme indifference (F2) and one count of crime of violence, a sentencing enhancer.

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