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Scott Ostrem Found Competent to Stand Trial in Walmart Shooting

Scott Ostrem has been found competent to stand trial for first-degree murder and attempted murder in the shooting at a Walmart in Thornton in November.

On Monday, Adams County District Judge Mark Warner found Ostrem competent to stand trial based on an evaluation done at the Colorado Mental Health Institute in Pueblo. The evaluation was ordered after Ostrem's public defenders filed a motion to determine his competency to proceed.

A preliminary hearing set for 9 a.m. June 8 in Division E of Adams County District Court.

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.

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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