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Man Sentenced to 16 Years in Attack on Real Estate Agent at Open House

Ernest Robert Chrisman was sentenced to 16 years in prison Friday for attempted aggravated robbery in an attack on a real estate agent at a Commerce City condominium complex last August.

The real estate agent was at the condominium for an open house at the Aspen Hills Condominiums at 14700 S. 104th Avenue on August 4, when Chrisman (DOB 11/21/75) showed up and threatened her with a knife.

The agent was preparing for an open house when Chrisman walked in and asked to see the home. While showing him the second floor and master bedroom, Chrisman cornered the woman, pulling out a knife and bear mace. He demanded the woman take her ring off and get in the closet.

Fearing for her life, the agent retrieved her firearm from an ankle holster and Chrisman sprayed her with the bear mace. She fired at Chrisman, who fled the condominium leaving behind his knife and property brochure with his fingerprints on it.

Chrisman pleaded guilty Friday to attempted aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to the stipulated 16 years in prison by Adams County District Judge Priscilla Loew.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Patrick Freeman said Chrisman admitted that he planned to rob the real estate agent because he needed money.

“He chose to prey on a woman holding an open house for her real estate business and threatened her with a knife,” Freeman told the court. “This is going to leave a lasting scar. She was lucky that she wasn’t hurt worse than she was. This was an incredibly violent and premeditated crime which is reflected in his sentence.”