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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **MAN WITH GANG TIES SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS IN PRISON FOR FIRST DEGREE BURGLARY-ASSAULT**

GREELEY, Colo. – A Weld County man who pled guilty last month to Conspiracy to Commit First Degree Burglary-Assault, a class four felony, was sentenced this afternoon in district court. Joe Angelo Alaniz (DOB 9/22/1966) was sentenced to 12 years in prison for his crime.

According to police reports, on February 1, 2010, officers from the Greeley Police Department were dispatched to an apartment in the 800 block of 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. in reference to a burglary. The renter of the apartment reported to officers that two men had entered his apartment and began assaulting his stepson. The renter identified the men as Joe Alaniz (the victim's father) and Robert Alaniz (the victim's uncle).

On February 4, 2010, officers were notified that the victim in the case wanted to make a statement about the incident that occurred on February 1. The victim told officers that his father, Joe, was a high-ranking gang member who had repeatedly told the victim to "take care" of the victim's wife. When officers asked the victim what "take care" of meant, the victim replied "He (the victim) was suppose to kill her." The victim went on to tell police that Alaniz believed the victim's wife had "informed on White reference a domestic related assault."

The victim refused to act on Alaniz's request which led to the altercation the night of February 1 when the victim said both Alaniz men showed up at his stepfather's residence, where the victim was staying, entered the residence and physically assaulted the victim.

Joe Alaniz was arrested on February 8, 2010. An arrest warrant was issued for Robert Alaniz on February 5, 2010, and remains active.

Joe Alaniz's lengthy criminal history was a factor in today's sentencing.

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