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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **GREELEY MAN SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS IN PRISON**

GREELEY, Colo. – On Wednesday morning, October 19, 2011, in Weld County District Court, Ernest Williams (DOB 06/15/83) of Greeley was sentenced to a total of 18 years in prison for two separate criminal cases.

On November 9, 2009, Williams was arrested for case involving kidnapping, aggravated robbery, assault and extortion. According to police reports, Williams was one of five people involved in the kidnapping and beating of a Kersey man on November 5, 2009. Williams pled guilty to one count of extortion, a class four felony, in that case on September 21, 2011. He was sentenced yesterday to nine years in prison for his involvement in that crime.

While in jail on the 2009 case, law enforcement learned of further criminal activities Williams was participating in including assault and intimidating a witness. According to law enforcement reports, Williams was involved in the beating another inmate while in custody at the Weld County Jail. Reports state that the beating was retaliation for the victim speaking against fellow gang members. Williams pled guilty to intimidating a victim or witness, a class four felony, on September 21, 2011, as well. He was sentenced yesterday to nine years in prison for that crime; the sentence will run consecutive to the sentence handed down in the 2009 case making his total prison sentence 18 years.

Upon completion of his prison sentences, Williams will serve a mandatory 3 years on parole.

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