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NEWS RELEASE

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Guilty Plea in Killing of Photo Radar Operator

Thomas Patrick Destories Faces 22 Years in Prison

Thomas Patrick Destories (DOB 1/29/41) pled guilty today to second degree murder for the killing of a DPS photo radar operator. The charge stems from an April 19, 2009 incident in which Destories drove past a DPA photo radar truck several times and fired at least five shots at the vehicle, killing Doug Georgianni, the photo radar operator who was in the driver's seat of the truck.

The plea stipulates that Destories will receive 22 years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for August 20 in front of Judge Kemp.

Because the date of crime fell within a window of time that the second degree murder statute allowed a person who committed second degree murder to earn early release credits, Destories will only have to serve 85% of his sentence. The legislature has since corrected this mistake in the law so that second degree murder is "flat-time" or "calendar years."

Deputy County Attorney M. Desi Rubalcaba prosecuted the case.