

Parole denied for man who shot EDSO deputy

An El Dorado County man convicted of attempted murder on a police officer had his parole denied this month. It was the eighth time he was turned down.

A jury convicted Brian Montgomery, now 49, in 1991. He was sentenced to seven years to life, plus eight years. He is in the Solano State Prison.

On Dec. 4, 1990, El Dorado County sheriff's Deputy Robert Pepper pulled Montgomery over for speeding in the Mt. Aukum area. Montgomery, who was 25 at the time, had been doing meth for several days and had the ingredients for making methamphetamine in his car. He shot the officer 11 times with .22-caliber automatic rifle.

Pepper survived, though despite wearing a bulletproof vest, he suffered bullet wounds to the chest, shoulder, side, abdomen, and back.

Pepper, now retired, spoke to the parole board by phone urging Montgomery not be released early.