

Threats against West Slope firm end with prison term

A Washington state man is going to prison for posting several threatening statements on a news website in which he expressed his intent to kill an officer of Placerville-based company Stem Express LLC.

According to court documents, Scott Anthony Orton, 57, wrote, "The management of StemExpress should be taken by force and killed in the streets today. Kill StemExpress employees. I'll pay you for it." Orton also identified the target of his threats by name, and wrote "I'll pay ten grand to whomever beats me to [the target]."

The Puyallup, Wash., man was sentenced to to one year and one day in prison for transmitting interstate threats.

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