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**Timothy Troy Walker Pleads Guilty in 2013 murder of Draper Police Sgt. Jonson,
attempted murder of Traci Vaillancourt**

Salt Lake City, UT -- The Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office announced Tuesday, July 8 that Timothy Troy Walker pleaded guilty and was sentenced for killing Draper City Police Sgt. Derek Johnson on September 1, 2013. Walker also pleaded guilty and was sentenced for the attempted murder of Traci Vaillancourt, also on September 1, 2013.

Walker pleaded guilty to Criminal Homicide, Aggravated Murder, a First Degree Felony; Attempted Homicide, a First Degree Felony; three counts of Felony Discharge of a Firearm, a Third Degree Felony; and Possession or Use of a Firearm by a Restricted Person, a Third Degree Felony.

Walker pleaded guilty to and was sentenced by the Hon. Mark A. Kouris, Third Judicial District Court Judge. Judge Kouris imposed a sentence of life at the Utah State Prison without the possibility of parole for Walker's murder of Sgt. Johnson. Judge Kouris also imposed a sentence of life in prison for the attempted murder of Vaillancourt; three terms of three-to-five years for the Discharge of a Firearm; and one term of up to five years for the Possession of the Firearm. Judge Kouris imposed each sentence to run consecutive to the other terms.

Walker agreed to plead guilty as charged and be sentenced today to a life sentence without the possibility of parole in exchange for the State's agreement not to seek the death penalty.

The District Attorney's Office expresses its ongoing sympathy to the family of Sgt. Johnson and thanks them for their unwavering courage and diligent cooperation during the prosecution of this matter. The District Attorney's Office also extends its thanks and appreciation to the Draper City Police Department and all the members of the Draper City family and law enforcement professionals everywhere for their continued service and dedication even when one of their members is taken from them.

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