

Bill Number: SB248
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Support

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF SCOTT D. SHELLENBERGER,
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IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 248
ADDING ATTEMPTED CARJACKING AND ATTEMPTED ARMED CARJACKING TO
CRIMES FOR WHICH JUVENILES CAN BE CHARGED AS ADULTS

I write in support of Senate Bill 248 which will add attempted carjacking and attempted armed carjacking to those charges for which juveniles can be charged as adults.

Few crimes can be more frightening and volatile than sticking a gun in someone's face and attempting to steal their car. Even if a gun is not used, carjacking (CR3-405) requires force, violence or putting one in fear of violence. Senate Bill 248 is a logical extension of how we deal with many crimes and jurisdiction. Juveniles can be charged as adults when they:

- Attempt a murder in the second degree
- Attempt a rape in the second degree
- Attempt a robbery

It is only logical to include attempted carjacking in this group especially attempted armed carjacking.

I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 248.