

Bill Number: HB834
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Support

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF SCOTT D. SHELLENBERGER,
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IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 834
ADDING ATTEMPTED CARJACKING AND ATTEMPTED ARMED CARJACKING TO
CRIMES FOR WHICH JUVENILES CAN BE CHARGED AS ADULTS

I write in support of House Bill 834 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 then 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. House Bill 834 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 House Bill 834.