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*(CBS) FT. LAUDERDALE* The man convicted of killing Broward Sheriff's Deputy Todd Fatta during an attempt to serve a warrant at his home escaped a death sentence Tuesday when a federal court judge sentenced Kenneth Wilk to life in prison.

Wilk, convicted in the August 2004 murder of Fatta and the attempted murder of deputy Angel Cedeno, gave a 10-minute speech to the court before he was sentenced, in which he apologized for killing Fatta and injuring Cedeno. However, Wilk denied murdering Fatta.

"Your honor, I am an innocent man, I have been wrongly convicted," Wilk said.

Fatta was killed by a single bullet, despite the protective vest he was wearing, after he joined a team of deputies who broke down Wilk's door while serving warrants at his Fort Lauderdale home.

Wilk claimed during his trial that he did not know the men were law enforcement officers, and feared for his life when he fired at them.

In his statement before the court Tuesday, he repeated claims made during his trial that the law enforcement officers leading the raid made mistakes which led to the death.

U.S. District Judge James Cohn also fined Wilk \$25,000 and ordered him to reimburse the government \$300,000 for the cost of his trial, including the value of his share of the home deputies raided.

Wilk said he wanted that money, about \$140,000, to be used to help deputies find the killer of Deputy Chris Reyka, who was gunned down as he checked license tags earlier this month. Reyka's killer is still at large.

Wilk's attorneys said they plan to appeal Wilk's conviction and sentence.

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