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GUILTY PLEA IN SHOOTING OF TWO YOUNG GIRLS

One of three co-defendants accused in the shooting of two young girls last summer has pleaded guilty in the case.

Terra Ramirez (dob: 05-28-86) pleaded guilty to one count of *first-degree assault* (F3) and faces up to 15 years in prison when she is sentenced in May.

Two other defendants in the case, Andreas Rubio and Natalie McFarlane have pleaded not guilty and will face separate trials later in May on charges of attempted murder, first-degree assault, conspiracy to commit criminal mischief and illegal discharge of a weapon.

All three were accused of participating in a shooting on August 21, 2005 in which two young girls were injured by gunfire while sleeping in their home. The girls were 7 and 12.

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¹ *The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. See Colo. RPC 3.6