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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **LUJAN SENTENCED**

A man convicted of sexually assaulting three young girls placed in his care as a private foster parent years ago was sentenced today.

**Joseph Lujan** (DOB: 06-03-45) was sentenced to 40 years-to-life in prison by Denver District Court Judge Catherine Lemon.

Two of the three victims and several family and friends spoke at today's sentencing hearing, telling the judge of the devastating impact of the sexual assaults. Deputy District Attorneys Diane Balkin and Ryan Younggren had asked for the maximum sentence of 48 years and were satisfied with the judge's sentence noting that Lujan, who is 62 year old, will spend the rest of his life behind bars.

Lujan was convicted at trial last May of multiple counts of sexual assault on each of the three victims.