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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **PENDLETON SENTENCED FOR KILLING BABY**

A woman who pleaded guilty to giving birth in a bathroom stall and leaving the infant to die in a trash can at a Denver bar in 2004, has been sentenced today.

**Erin Pendleton** (DOB: 05-17-1975) was sentenced to a maximum of 40 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections by Judge Anne Mansfield and was given 1,337 days credit for time already served. Judge Mansfield acknowledged Pendleton's history of mental illness and called the entire case tragic. Pendleton pleaded guilty on January 18, 2008, to *child abuse resulting in death* (F2).

Denver Deputy District Attorney Christine Washburn argued for the maximum sentence based on the facts of the case. On June 26, 2004, Pendleton gave birth to a male infant in a bathroom at a Denver bar, and stuffed him inside a plastic bag that she put in a trash can, causing his death.

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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