



## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **FAMILY CHARGED IN SEXUAL ASSAULTS ON CHILDREN**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged three family members, a father, mother and son, with sexually assaulting two children in their care over a period of several years; and has charged the mother of the children as a complicitor, accused of aiding and abetting the assaults.

**Eric Torrez** (dob: 10-25-62) is charged with three counts of sexual assault on a child (F4), six counts of sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust (F3), two count of sexual assault on a child, pattern of abuse (F3), two counts of sexual assault (F3) and one count of assault (M).

**Linda Torrez** (dob: 06-11-63) is charged with two counts of sexual assault on a child (F4), two counts of sexual assault (F3), and one count of sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust (F3). Most of the charges against her allege complicity.

**Patrick Torrez** (dob: 07-04-86) is charged with aggravated sexual assault (F3), two counts of sexual assault (F3), sexual assault on a child (F4) and sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust (F3). Most of the charges against him allege complicity.

**Karen Stillman** (dob: 03-25-51) is charged with sexual assault on a child (F5), two counts of sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust (F4), and two counts of sexual assault (F3). The charges against her allege complicity.

The charges allege that the children, a girl and a boy, were left by their mother in the Torrez home in the mid-1990s and were repeatedly sexually assaulted in the home. The charges further allege that their mother left the children in the home even though she knew of the abuse. The children, who are now in their 20s, recently reported the abuse after they were able to leave the home and flee to Kansas.

Eric, Linda and Patrick Torrez have each been released from custody on a \$50,000 bond. Stillman remains in custody; her bond is set at \$50,000. Appearances for advisement in Denver County Court, room 12T, are set for December 3, 2008 for Eric Torrez and December 8, 2008 for Linda and Patrick Torrez. Stillman appeared for advisement last week and is now scheduled for a preliminary hearing on December 23, 2008 at 9 a.m. in Denver County Courtroom 472W.