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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN SENTENCED IN DEATH OF YOUNG GIRL**

A man accused of killing his girlfriend's toddler has been sentenced to a lengthy prison term today by a Denver District Court judge.

**Alexis Ortiz** (DOB 10-20-1976) was sentenced to 40 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections. He had pleaded guilty earlier to *child abuse resulting in death* (F2). In exchange for his guilty plea, a first-degree murder charge was dismissed.

In the early morning hours of February 1, 2008, Ortiz called Denver Paramedics to his home near the 15000 block of East 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue because his girlfriend's daughter was unconscious. The child, Joslyn Asberry (DOB 02-16-04), was taken to an area hospital where she was pronounced dead from her injuries. Ortiz was babysitting Asberry along with four other children when he caused the injuries that lead to her death.

Ortiz made a statement in court today in which he apologized to his girlfriend's family.