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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **GUILTY PLEA IN INTERNET SEX CASE**

A Westminster man who was seeking sex with a teenage girl over the Internet has pleaded guilty in Denver District Court.

**Eric Morgan** (dob: 07-17-83) had originally been charged with enticement of a child (F4), which would have carried a potential indeterminate to life prison sentence. He pleaded guilty yesterday to attempted sexual assault on a child (F5) and second-degree assault (F4). He faces a stipulated sentence of 10 years in prison when he is sentenced in February. Although there was no actual assault in this case, Morgan pleaded guilty to the second-degree assault charge in order to reach the agreed upon sentence of ten years in prison.

Morgan, who kept a running list of his sexual encounters, was in an online chat room just over a year ago talking with someone he thought was a 14-year-old girl. He then communicated with her online over the course of several weeks, repeatedly soliciting sex from her. "The girl" was actually a highly-trained undercover Denver police detective posing as a child online. Morgan arranged to meet "the girl" only to find a team of police detectives waiting to arrest him.

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey reminds parents to be vigilant when it comes to supervising the use of the Internet by children. "This office, in partnership with the Denver Police Department, is committed to aggressively investigating and prosecuting these types of cases. We need to make every effort to protect our children from predators."

Morgan is scheduled to be sentenced on February 20, 2007 AT 8:30 a.m. in Denver District Courtroom 16.

