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WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SEXUALLY ASSAULTING TEEN

A woman accused of repeatedly sexually assaulting a 14-year-old boy several years ago has pleaded guilty in connection with the case.

Tani Firkins (dob: 07-14-74) pleaded guilty to *sexual exploitation of a child* (F3) in Denver District Court. She was originally charged with several counts of sexual assault on a child for assaults that occurred in 2000 and 2001 at a community center where she lived and worked. In exchange for her guilty plea to the sexual exploitation charge, the other charges were dismissed.

Firkins, who is already serving a 9-year prison term for a similar case out of Jefferson County, is scheduled to be sentenced in the Denver case on March 22, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in Denver District Courtroom 13.

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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*