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GUILTY PLEA IN CHILD KIDNAPPING AND SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE

A man charged with the kidnapping and sexual assault of a young boy unexpectedly pleaded guilty today just as his case was going to trial.

Eugene Summers (dob: 06-28-59) pleaded guilty to *kidnapping-victim of a sexual assault* (F2). In exchange for his guilty plea, a second count of kidnapping was dismissed.

Summers was a family friend who was staying at the victim's home. In 1989 and 1990, Summers took the victim, an 11-year-old boy, into his room, locked the door and sexually assaulted him.

Summers, a social worker, was charged in a separate case in 2007 in which he was accused of repeatedly sexually assaulting another boy between 1992 and 1996. That case was dismissed after a Colorado Court of Appeals ruling that the statute of limitations had already run.

Summers faces up to 16 years in the Department of Corrections when he appears for sentencing on January 5, 2010. He will also be required to register as a sex offender.