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MAN SENTENCED TO MAX IN CHILD SEX ASSAULT CASES

A man who pleaded guilty earlier this year in two separate cases of sexual assault on a child has been denied probation and sentenced to a 12 year – indeterminate to life sentence in prison, the maximum sentence possible.

John Taylor (dob: 05-13-46) pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual assault on a child (F4). Those charges stemmed from Taylor sexually assaulting a neighbor's son from 1999 through 2001 and sexually assaulting a teenage boy who was in his care between 2001 and 2004.

Chief Deputy DA Kerri Lombardi recited a litany of predatory behavior Taylor committed against young boys and noted for the Court in asking for the maximum sentence that Taylor's assaults have had horrible lasting effects on the victims.

Denver District Court Judge Christina Habas noted that Taylor had groomed his vulnerable victims, who were 9 and 12 years old at the time, and that she had to consider the safety of the community in sentencing him to the Department of Corrections for an indeterminate to life sentence with a 12-year minimum. She also found that Taylor is to be designated a Sexually Violent Predator.