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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **DAY CARE WORKER SENTENCED TO MAXIMUM**

A man accused of sexually assaulting children at a local day care program last summer was given the maximum sentence possible under a guilty plea agreement today.

**Benjamin Janicki** (dob: 05-20-91) pleaded guilty earlier to two counts of *first-degree assault* (F3) and two counts of *attempted sexual assault on a child* (F5) in a guilty plea agreement that names nine victims. Denver District Court Judge Shelly Gilman sentenced him to a maximum of 40 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections plus an additional 12-year prison sentence that is suspended on the condition that he successfully complete 10 years of sex-offender intensive supervised probation once he has been released from prison.

Denver Deputy District Attorney Shannon O'Connor and several parents of victims spoke to the Court, urging the maximum possible sentence. They noted the young age of the victims who were 4, 5 and 6 years old at the time, as well as Janicki's continued denial of what he had done.

Several members of Janicki's family also addressed the Court, urging leniency. Janicki also spoke at length in a rambling statement in which he continued to deny any wrongdoing and referred to the criminal case against him as a witch hunt of lies.

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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