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### **WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY IN CHILD ABUSE CASE**

The second of two women charged in connection with a case of child abuse involving a 6-year-old girl who suffered serious bodily injury has pleaded guilty today.

**Deanna Martinez** (dob: 03-10-75) pleaded guilty today to child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury (F4). **Regina Marquez** (dob: 12-19-75) pleaded guilty last week to the same charge.

Marquez, who is the adoptive mother of the victim, and her girlfriend Deanna Martinez, were accused of abusing the victim for several years including keeping her in isolation, physical deprivation, and causing a broken arm and broken fingers that were never treated. As a result the victim suffered significant delayed development.

Martinez faces up to 16 years in prison and Marquez faces up to 8 years in prison when they are sentenced in November. (There is a status hearing on September 20, 2013 to set the date.).