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### **MOM SENTENCED IN CHILD ABUSE CASE**

One of two people charged with child abuse, after their children were found malnourished and living in unsanitary conditions last year, has been sentenced in the case today.

**Lorinda Bailey** (11-18-77) pleaded guilty earlier this year to one count of felony child abuse (F5) naming all four children. She was sentenced today to five years of probation with 90 days in the Denver County Jail.

The case was prosecuted by Denver Deputy District Attorney Anita Drasan and Chief Deputy DA Bonnie Benedetti, who had argued for the maximum of 7 years in prison. The judge, noting information he had from pre-sentence reports, declined a prison term and sentenced her to probation with jail, and additional conditions that include Bailey taking part in a community mental health program, a peer mentoring program and having no contact with children in her residence at any time.

**Wayne Sperling** (10-01-47) was also charged in the case, facing allegations that the children, ages 2, 4, 5, and 6 at the time, were unreasonably placed in a situation that posed a threat to their health and that there was a pattern of conduct that resulted in malnourishment and mistreatment.

He is currently scheduled for a disposition hearing next week, on November 13, 2014.