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MAN SENTENCED IN HIT/ RUN CASE AT BUS STOP

A 54-year-old man who pleaded guilty in a hit/run crash that occurred last year at a bus stop on E. Colfax Avenue has received the maximum sentence today.

Mark Skipper (dob: 08-06-59) pleaded guilty earlier to *vehicular assault* (F4), *third-degree assault* (M1), and *violation of bail bond conditions* (F6). He was sentenced to six years in the Colorado Department of Corrections and a three year period of mandatory parole.

On July 30, 2013, Skipper was driving westbound on E. Colfax Avenue at about Josephine Street when he lost control of the car he was driving and careened onto a sidewalk striking three pedestrians at a bus stop. Skipper crawled out of the passenger side window and fled the scene on foot.

One of the victims, whose legs were fractured as a result of the accident, wrote a letter to the judge, which was read aloud in court. The victim, who was not present due to injuries, wished that the court give the maximum sentence.

Skipper, having eight prior felony convictions, received the maximum sentence and will remain in the Department of Corrections to serve the sentence.

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