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FATHER PLEADS GUILTY IN CHILD ABUSE CASE

The father of four children, who were found malnourished and living in unsanitary conditions last year, has pleaded guilty in the case today.

Wayne Sperling (10-01-47) pleaded guilty this morning to one count of *child abuse – 2nd offense* (F5) in which all four children were named as victims.

The children, ages 2, 4, 5, and 6 at the time, were found living in conditions that posed a threat to their health and that resulted in malnourishment and mistreatment.

Lorinda Bailey (11-18-77), the children's mother, was sentenced earlier this week to five years of probation with 90 days in the Denver County Jail.

Sperling will face a sentencing range of up to 7 years in prison when he appears for sentencing on December 30, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., in Denver District Courtroom 5C.