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WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD'S TRAFFIC DEATH

Joan Hinkemeyer (dob: 10-25-36) pleaded guilty to *careless driving-resulting in death* (M1) of three -year-old Austin Strasser on February 13, 2015 at the corner of University Boulevard near Bonnie Brae Ice Cream.

Hinkemeyer was sentenced to 31 days in jail. (30 days of that will be in-home detention and 1 day in Denver County Jail). Additionally she will serve 200 hours of Community Service focusing on children with special needs and is required to take a defensive driving class. Hinkemeyer will be remanded to Denver County Jail on Monday April 27th at 8:30 am to serve her flat time.

Surrounded by many friends and framed photographs of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Strasser spoke of Austin's bright light and happy nature and his constant companionship to his sister who is disabled.

After the hearing the family's spokesperson, Connie Hamman said that, "as much as it could be, justice was served and we feel that the Judge really listened."

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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*

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