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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ASSAULT, UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF MEDICINE

A man initially charged last August with assault, criminal impersonation, and performing medical procedures without a license on four victims has pleaded guilty after more than 100 similar charges and 33 victims were added to the case.

Carlos Hernandez Fernandez (dob: 11-19-1979) pleaded guilty in court today to one count of *second degree assault* (F4), one count of *criminal impersonation* (F6), and one count of *unauthorized practice of physician* (M2). Under the terms of the plea, Hernandez Fernandez faces a prison sentence of up to 6 years in the Department of Corrections, the exact prison term length to be determined by the court at sentencing, and three years of parole after prison release. Additionally, the defendant will pay to the victims approximately \$175,000 in restitution before or at the time of sentencing and, if additional victims provide documentation increasing that amount, further restitution will be paid.

Hernandez Fernandez portrayed himself as a licensed doctor since at least January 2015 and was performing medical procedures without a license at a Denver clinic called Hernandez Fernandez Clinic at 424 S. Federal Boulevard. Four victims were initially identified when 15 criminal counts were filed against him in August 2016. Additional counts of *second degree assault*, *criminal impersonation* and *unauthorized practice of physician*, for a total of 126 counts involving 37 total victims, were filed following further investigation and more victims coming forward.

Hernandez Fernandez will be sentenced on June 2 at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 5G.