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MAN SENTENCED IN SCHOOL BUS CRASH

A man accused of eluding police and then crashing into a Denver Public Schools bus full of children in April, causing injuries to a passenger in his vehicle and to several school children, was sentenced today to prison.

Louis Ortiz (dob: 12-15-1970) pleaded guilty in November to one count of *vehicular eluding* (F4), one count of *child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury* (F3), and eight counts of *assault in the third degree* (M1). He was sentenced to six years in prison for the *vehicular eluding* conviction, 10 years in prison for the *child abuse* conviction, and two years in prison for each of the *assault* convictions. The sentences are to run concurrently. Charges against Ortiz were filed in April.

On the afternoon of April 13, 2017, Ortiz disregarded a stop sign at N. Tejon Street and W. 39th Avenue and crashed into a school bus, injuring occupants in both the school bus and the suspect vehicle. Ortiz was arrested and transported to Denver Health Medical Center. Police had observed a green Jeep Grand Cherokee in the immediate area, being driven by Ortiz, as the same vehicle that eluded them on March 30. A marked patrol car began to follow Ortiz, who then ran the stop sign, hitting the bus.