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**RE:** David Gallegos Sentenced to 12 Years Prison for Child Abuse

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David William Gallegos, DOB: 6-9-69, of Littleton, appeared today in Jefferson County District Court and was sentenced to 12 years in prison for child abuse of his two-month-old child in March, 2003. Doctors who examined the baby found a broken femur and multiple rib fractures (both acute and old). Gallegos had been taking care of the child that evening and admitted to being “rough” with him. He said he heard a “popping sound” coming from the child’s leg when he roughly lifted it and pushed it in toward the child’s chest. He also said that he was angry about the child’s crying.

Gallegos pled guilty to reckless child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury, a class three felony, on August 18, 2003.

Prosecutor Steve Jensen said that the child is expected to make a full recovery from his physical injuries. Jensen believes the 12 year prison sentence is an appropriate one, considering this outrageous behavior that resulted in such serious injuries to a 2-month-old baby.

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