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**RE:** Mallory Leake Pleads Guilty to Vehicular Homicide

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Mallory Stewart Leake, DOB: 12-16-86, of Littleton appeared today in Jefferson County District Court and entered a plea of guilty to the following: one count of vehicular homicide (a class 4 felony) naming all three victims; one count of vehicular assault (a class 5 felony) naming the five victims with the most serious injuries; and careless driving resulting in injury (a traffic offense) which named the four other injured victims.

Sixteen-year-old Mallory Leake was driving a Chevrolet Impala with seven unrestrained teenage passengers in the car on February 28, 2003 when her car crossed into oncoming traffic and caused the collision that killed three of her friends and injured nine others. She was driving at speeds of between 71 and 79 mph on Ken Caryl Avenue, near Continental Divide Road. The posted speed limit is 40 mph. According to court records, she ignored signs indicating an upcoming curve and four of the passengers had asked her to slow down.

Leake was charged as an adult and while she could theoretically face up to nine years in prison, prosecutors said at the hearing that they will not seek a sentence to the adult prison system. Sentencing has been set for January 16, at 8:30 a.m. in Division 1 of the Jefferson County District Court.

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