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RE: Shawn Lennie Sentenced to 4 Years Probation

Shawn Raymond Lennie, DOB: 6-16-67, of Arvada, was sentenced today in the Jefferson County District Court to four years probation. Sentencing Judge R. Brooke Jackson ordered, as a condition of probation, that Lennie serve 180 days in the county jail, with work release authorized; complete 120 hours of useful community service; and a parenting class.

Following three days of trial in November 2002, Lennie was convicted of two counts: negligent child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury, a class four felony, and child abuse, a class two misdemeanor.

Lennie and his wife, Barbara, were both indicted by a Jefferson County grand jury after their 7-year-old son took a loaded .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol from a nightstand and accidentally shot his three-year-old brother in March 2002. The misdemeanor count of child abuse alleged the unsafe and unsanitary conditions in their house, which created a risk of injury to the life or health of the children.

Barbara Lennie pled guilty to two counts of misdemeanor child abuse on August 15, 2002 and was sentenced on October 4, 2002 to two years probation on each count. The sentences were to be served concurrently.

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