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RE: Robert Torrez Sentenced to Prison 6 Years to Life

Robert David Torrez, DOB/080580, of Brighton, appeared today in Jefferson County District Court and was sentenced to an indeterminate term of 6 years to life in the Department of Corrections, with a parole period of at least 10 years and up to life. Torrez pled guilty to attempted sexual assault of a child by a person in position of trust, a class 4 felony, on December 16, 2002. He also pled guilty to providing alcohol to a minor and was sentenced to one year in jail for that count, to be served concurrently with his prison sentence.

Torrez, a recreational softball league coach, was arrested in October 2001 by Westminster Police for having sexually assaulted four female students who attended Standley Lake High School. The assaults occurred during the summer of 2001 when the girls were playing on a recreational softball team. Over a period of two months, Torrez had numerous sexual encounters with the 14-16 year old girls under the pretext of being one or another's "boyfriend." According to court documents, he began his relationship with the girls by buying them beer after the softball games. The assaults took place the home of one of the girls when he came in through the basement window without her parents' knowledge and also at hotel or motel rooms he rented. He also provided them with alcohol for his "motel parties."

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