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**RE:** Barbara Vigil Sentencing

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Barbara Diane Vigil, DOB: 2-27-69, of Westminster, appeared today in Jefferson County District Court and was sentenced to five years probation for having illegally taken her 4-year-old child out of the country instead of returning her to her father as ordered in their divorce proceedings.

Judge James Zimmerman has imposed specific conditions of her probation:

- She must undergo a mental health evaluation and any sort of treatment if deemed appropriate
- She must be monitored for substance abuse and undergo any sort of treatment if deemed appropriate
- She must maintain full-time employment
- She must complete 100 hours of useful public service
- She must stay in full compliance with all orders of the domestic relations case pending between her and Russ McCallian
- She has been ordered to pay \$6,138 in restitution to the Department of Justice to reimburse them for costs of extraditing her back to the United States
- She must also pay \$3,750 in restitution to the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office to reimburse their Crime Victim Compensation Fund for the cost of counseling for the child

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In April 2001, Vigil, who shared custody of her 4-year-old daughter, failed to return the child to her father as required by their custody agreement. Vigil had forged the necessary documents to obtain a passport under another identity and took the child to Costa Rica. She was there with the child, living under assumed identities, for almost a year before investigators located the child and returned her to Colorado.

On March 17, following two weeks of trial, a jury convicted her of two counts of forgery and two counts of criminal impersonation, but acquitted on two counts of violation of custody.

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