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RE: Essex Sentenced to 4 Years Probation

William Dean Essex, 30, appeared today in Jefferson County District court and was sentenced to four years probation and 200 hours of community service. On 9-30-04 he pled guilty to one count of aggravated cruelty to animals (a class six felony). Sentencing Judge Jane Tidball did authorize transfer of his probation supervision to Oklahoma or Utah if he is accepted there. Essex had previously been authorized to move out of Colorado

Essex was arrested by Westminster police on April 24, 2004 for the abuse and of his beagle named "Vinnie."

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