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RE: Arvada Man Sentenced for Indecent Exposure

Fifty-year-old Raymond Firkus (DOB: 3-30-54), of Arvada, appeared in Jefferson County Court on July 20 and was sentenced to two and a half years in jail for exposing himself to women in the Lake Arbor area of Arvada. He must also complete sex offender treatment and register as a sex offender.

Firkus pled guilty to five counts of indecent exposure on May 21, 2004. County Court Judge Roy Olson sentenced him to the maximum allowed on each count, which is six months in the county jail, to be served consecutively. Judge Olsen granted Firkus work release and will review the case on October 20 and consider commuting the remainder of the jail time to probation based upon his compliance and conduct between now and then.

Judge Olson cited the damage done to the community that cannot be repaired and his concern with Firkus' repeat behavior in sentencing him to the maximum sentence allowable. Prosecutor Katie Carter asked for a jail sentence and told the court of her concerns based on the evaluation done by Redirecting Sexual Aggression (RSA). The sex offender evaluation said that Firkus was a medium-to-high risk to recidivate and that he seemed unwilling to take responsibility for his behavior.

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Over an 18-month period ending in August 2003, Firkus exposed himself to numerous women, generally in the Lake Arbor area. Generally, his victims were walking or jogging along the trail around the lake. Firkus would jog past the victim, then return, coming towards the women, pulling up his nylon running shorts to fully expose himself to them. In June of 2003, one victim followed Firkus to his car and was able to provide Arvada Police with his license plate and following the subsequent investigation, he was arrested in August, 2003.

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