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RE: Jason Hurlbert Sentenced to 12 Years Prison for Death of Two-Month-Old Son

Jason Hurlbert, DOB: 9-1-74, of Westminster, appeared today in Jefferson County District Court and was sentenced to 12 years in prison and five years mandatory parole for the death of his two-month old son, Jacob Hurlbert. On June 13, 2005 Jason Hurlbert pled guilty to child abuse resulting in death (a class three felony).

Hurlbert was arrested by Westminster Police on May 7, 2004 after an investigation that began with notification by officials at Lutheran Hospital. They reported on April 24, that they had a two-month-old child with a skull fracture and an intracranial bleed. Jacob Hurlbert was airlifted to The Childrens' Hospital because of the severity of his injuries. He was kept on life support until May 5, 2004 when the family made the decision to take him off the ventilator. Court records indicate that originally, Hurlbert told his wife that "he had dropped Jacob onto the coffee table..." At his plea hearing, Jason Hurlbert was required to admit under oath exactly how the injuries to Jacob occurred. He said that he was under a lot of financial stress, and that Jacob was making some noises and he didn't know how to make him stop.

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He went on to say that he shook him three or four times quickly. He admitted that Jacob hit his head on the coffee table in the process.

Hurlbert was sentenced by Chief District Court Judge Brooke Jackson.

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