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GUILTY PLEA IN JEFFCO VEHICULAR ASSAULT CASE

A man accused of hitting a bicyclist while driving drunk on I-70 last summer has pleaded guilty in connection with the case today.

Jeffrey Scott Detlefs (dob: 06-03-52) pleaded guilty to vehicular assault – DUI (F4), leaving the scene of an accident resulting in serious bodily injury (F5) and one count of child abuse (M).

Detlefs was arrested on August 16, 2009 after hitting a 52-year-old man who was riding his bicycle along the on- ramp from Colorado Highway 74 (Evergreen Parkway) to eastbound I-70. The man was seriously injured. Detlefs was drunk at the time, and had his three children in the car.

Detlefs is scheduled to be sentenced on April 9, 2010 at 8 a.m. in Jefferson County Court, Division E. As part of the guilty plea agreement, a vehicular eluding charge and two counts of misdemeanor child abuse were dismissed. Detlefs will face 9 years in prison when he appears for sentencing.

The Denver District Attorney's Office is handling the prosecution of the case because the victim is a defense attorney in Jefferson County.

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