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### **MAN GIVEN 300 YEARS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULTS ON CHILDREN**

A man who pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting two children in his care over a period of several years was sentenced today, receiving the maximum prison sentence possible – 300 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections.

In February, **Eric Torrez** (dob: 10-25-62) pleaded guilty as charged to five counts of sexual assault on a child (F3 and F4), eight counts of sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust (F3), two counts of sexual assault on a child, pattern of abuse (F3), one count of sexual assault (F3) and one count of sexual assault, position of trust – pattern of abuse (F3).

His wife, **Linda Torrez** (dob: 06-11-63) also pleaded guilty in February to sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust (F3). She was given an indeterminate-to-life probation sentence with a minimum of 20 years.

The children, a girl and a boy, were left by their mother in the Torrez home in the mid-1990s and were repeatedly sexually assaulted in the home, even though the mother knew of the abuse. The children, who are now in their 20s, were able to report the abuse after escaping the home in 2008.

The mother of the children was charged as a complicitor, accused of aiding and abetting the assaults. **Karen Stillman** (dob: 03-25-51) pleaded guilty last November to attempted child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury (F4). She is serving a 16-year prison term in the Colorado Department of Corrections.

Both victims spoke at today's sentencing hearing, and Chief Deputy District Attorney Kerri Lombardi argued for the maximum sentence on their behalf. Denver District Court Judge Ken Laff, in handing down the 300-year sentence, said it was his hope and intention that Torrez would spend the rest of his life in prison for what he had done to the victims.