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**Press Release – Cristian Hernandez Sentenced
to 42 years in the Department of Corrections**

Cristian Hernandez was sentenced today to four-two (42) years in the Department of Corrections. He pled guilty to First Degree Assault - Extreme Indifference (F3ER), was sentenced to thirty-two (32) years in the Department of Corrections, Assault in the Second Degree - Bodily Injury with a Deadly Weapon (F4ER), sentenced to ten (10) years in the Department of Corrections and DV Assault - Injury to a Pregnant Victim (M1ER) to one (1) year of jail concurrent to First Degree Assault – Extreme Indifference and to be served at the Department of Corrections.

On September 3, 2019, Cristian Hernandez ran out of a room at the Lamplighter Motel in Longmont carrying the lifeless body of the child victim in this case, the two-year old daughter of his girlfriend. Subsequent investigation revealed that the young girl had suffered severe, life-threatening injuries at the hands of Mr. Hernandez, to include compression fractures of her spine, two skull fractures, subdural hemorrhages, and retinal hemorrhages. Mr. Hernandez claimed that while he was alone in the hotel room with the two-year old, she fell off the bed when he was in the bathroom. He alleged that he found her non-responsive on the floor. Several medical doctors refuted the assertion that the serious injuries suffered by the two-year old could have occurred after a fall from a bed, with one neurosurgeon stating that the force used to cause the brain injury suffered by her is what would occur with a fall from a two-story building or after being hit in the head with a baseball bat swung at full speed. During the medical examination of the young girl, bruising associated with extensive physical abuse was found all over her body. An interview with Mr. Hernandez's girlfriend confirmed that he had been abusing her and her two-year old daughter in the weeks before September 3.

Chief Trial Deputy District Attorney Adam Kendall and Deputy District Attorney Breck Roesch stated, "Today, despite making the decision to avoid trial by pleading guilty and stipulating to a 42 year prison sentence, Mr. Hernandez took no responsibility for his crimes and blamed others for his actions. But, justice was done in the courtroom today. The 42 year prison sentence to be served by Mr. Hernandez is the appropriate punishment for him considering the heinous crimes he committed and the life-threatening injuries he inflicted on a toddler. This was

an incredibly difficult case for everyone involved. We want to thank the Longmont Police Department for their tireless investigation and effort to ensure the right outcome occurred in this case. We also want to relay our gratitude to all of the medical professionals who treated the young victim's injuries. Their expert work saved her life, and we are delighted to report that she continues her recovery as a happy, energetic four-year-old."

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, "This prison sentence is the right outcome because of the incredibly serious injuries that the defendant inflicted on this young child. Due to the outstanding work of the Longmont Police Department and the medical professionals, we were able to prove that the defendant's initial story was completely false. With today's sentence, this man is being held fully responsible for the injuries and the trauma that he inflicted on the victim. This sentence reflects the horrific nature of his conduct. I am grateful to the prosecution team for their tireless efforts and advocacy in this difficult case."