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## **Convicted Douglas County Sex Offender Sentenced to 6 Years of Community Corrections**

**Franklin Camp had child take abortion pill after sex**

**Castle Rock, CO** –A judge has sentenced an Elizabeth man to 6 years in Community Corrections after he pled guilty to sexual exploitation of a child.

33-year-old Franklin Camp- a married father of two- admitted to having sexual relations with the 15-year-old daughter of a family friend. The child's father alerted the Douglas County Sheriff's Office after discovering graphic text messages between Camp and his daughter.

Detectives say Camp took the child to a hotel for sex on multiple occasions, including once when he picked her up from school- behavior prosecutors described as a pattern of abuse and grooming. Camp also persuaded the child to take the Plan B emergency contraception pill.

In court, Camp said he recognized the seriousness of his actions and is working to change.

Deputy District Attorney Lauren Raible had argued for 12 years in the Department of Corrections, the maximum sentence available. “This sexual predator violated this young girl’s trust, and deeply harmed her family,” said Raible. “He portrayed himself as a victim. He told the judge he is the safest person in our community, we believe it is the opposite.”

Sheriff Darren Weekly with the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office said the punishment did not fit the crime. “While I am grateful for the tireless work of our Special Victims Unit, IMPACT Team, and the District Attorney’s Office, I am deeply disappointed in the outcome of the case,” said Weekly. “The victim and her family showed extraordinary courage throughout an emotionally devastating process, but in my opinion, the court ultimately imposed a sentence far below what we believed necessary to protect the public.”

District Attorney George Brauchler agreed, and said Colorado’s offender-friendly laws prevent real accountability. “If people are looking for another example of how weak and friendly our laws are to sex offenders, here it is,” said Brauchler. “In what universe is it justice for a so-called “man” who repeatedly assaults a fifteen-year-old girl to avoid prison? Camp can “work for change” in a cell, not in our community. Colorado’s sex offender laws favor predators.”

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