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**School Bus Driver Pleads Guilty to Driving While Intoxicated**

Burton Carpenter DOB 03/19/56 pleaded guilty today to one count of DUI and one count of knowing or reckless child abuse for driving a school bus full of football players while drunk.

Carpenter was arrested Sept. 21 with a blood alcohol content of .213. He was transporting members of the Mountain Range High School freshman football team from a game at Prairie View High School when his bus hit a parked vehicle in front of Mountain Range High School in Westminster.

Carpenter was charged with DUI, DUI per se, 37 counts of child abuse, five counts of reckless endangerment, careless driving, failing to drive in a single lane and failing to stop a school bus at a railroad crossing. Under the plea agreement, the child abuse count to which Carpenter pleaded guilty names each of the child victims.

Sentencing is set for 1:30 p.m. in Division 6 of Adams County Court.  
Carpenter remains in custody on a \$4,000 bond.

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