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Driver Sentenced to Probation in Death of 16-year-old Boy

Ana Marie Faragoza of Thornton was sentenced to 10 days in jail, two years of supervised probation and was ordered not to drive for causing the death of a 16-year-old boy in Westminster.

Joren Edward Coates was killed when Faragoza ran over him with her vehicle on December 3 at Federal Boulevard and 112th Avenue in Westminster. Coates had been standing in the median with his bicycle waiting to cross the street.

Faragoza (DOB 09/08/56) pleaded guilty as charged in July. Faragoza was driving northbound on Federal Boulevard when she had a medical emergency related to diabetes. She hit and ran over Coates with her Jeep Liberty, crossing a raised concrete median before she crashed into a light pole.

Adams County Judge Brian Howell sentenced her to 10 days in jail, two years of supervised probation, 200 hours of community service and ordered her not to drive as a condition of probation. He also ordered her to undergo a full medical evaluation of her medical condition and fitness to safely operate a vehicle.

Family and friends of the Legacy High School student packed the courtroom. Deputy District Attorneys Troy Moyer and Kathryn Webb told the judge at the sentencing hearing Friday that Faragoza kept driving even though she knew she was suffering a diabetic crisis and was warned not to continue driving.

She continued to drive even after calling her daughter, who told her to pull over. She continued to drive even after she sideswiped another vehicle whose occupants also tried to get her to pull over.

The family told the judge that the most important thing to them was that Faragoza not drive.

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