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Softball Coach Sentenced to 5 Years Community Corrections in Sexual Assault

Jason Lee Davis was sentenced Thursday to five years community corrections for negligent child abuse and attempted sexual assault on a child.

Davis (DOB 06/17/74) was charged with sexually assaulting a 15-year-old girl at the Margaret Carpenter Recreation Center in Thornton on April 2, 2017. Davis previously was the coach of the victim's Broomfield Thunder softball team. Davis picked her up from her family home, took her to Target to get a swimsuit and then took her to the recreation center where he lured her into a shower in a family changing room and assaulted her.

He pleaded guilty to negligent child abuse causing serious bodily injury (F4) and attempted sexual assault on a child (F5).

Deputy District Attorney Sarah Stout told the court that Davis had groomed the girl who trusted him as a mentor in her life. He arranged to get her alone without her parents' knowledge at the recreation center and assaulted her. Stout said Davis took steps to cover his tracks by texting her, apologizing and continuing to rely on the relationship he had built up to manipulate her into remaining silent. Stout argued that he had not taken full responsibility for his actions, continuing to blame the victim and drug use for causing his conduct. Stout said the victim's life was forever changed his actions and argued that he had to be held accountable in a way that ensured community safety.

Adams County District Judge Mark Warner noted the impact that participation in athletics has on children and the trust that develops between team members and their coaches. In rejecting a probation sentence, the judge said Davis' conduct was a major betrayal of trust for the victim and her family.

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