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Man Pleads Guilty to Attempted Sexual Assault of Three Young Girls

Matthew Paul Barnett pleaded guilty Monday to attempted sexual assault on a child and first-degree assault for sexually assaulting three young girls.

Barnett (DOB 5-24-85) was charged with sexual assault on a child as a pattern of conduct and by a person in a position of trust involving three girls, ages 6 and 7.

The investigation began after allegations were made while Barnett was in Winter Park. The investigation uncovered additional incidents in Adams County. According to an agreement between the District Attorneys for the 14th and 17th Judicial Districts, the case was prosecuted in Adams County.

Barnett pleaded guilty to first-degree assault (F3) and attempted sexual assault (F5) in a plea agreement that calls for a stipulated sentence of 18 to 32 years in prison.

Sentencing is set for May 1 at 1:30 p.m. in Division Q of Adams County District Court.