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Press Release Regarding

Jodi Hildebrandt's Guilty Plea to Aggravated Child Abuse

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This morning Jodi Hildebrandt pleaded guilty to four counts of aggravated child abuse. She will remain incarcerated awaiting sentencing, which will occur on February 20, 2024. As part of the plea agreement, Ms. Hildebrandt agreed to be sentenced to consecutive (as opposed to concurrent) prison terms for each of the four counts. "One of the toughest things we ask victims of alleged abuse to do is testify in a trial against their abusers. We are pleased that the cases against Ms. Hildebrandt and Ms. Franke have both been resolved with the defendants agreeing to serve time in prison, and there will not be a trial requiring witnesses to testify." says Washington County Attorney Eric Clarke. "We are grateful for the multidisciplinary team that investigated this case. We have great law enforcement officers, case workers, and Children's Justice Centers' staff in our area and Utah County."

Additional information about Ms. Hildebrandt and Ms. Franke's cases, including redacted investigative materials, will be available upon request 30 days after the sentencing of both defendants. For further information, please refer to the Statement of Defendant in Support of Guilty Plea that was filed with Utah's Fifth District Court this morning. Specifically, the information contained in the factual basis on pages 3-4 and the plea agreement on page 6.

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