

## **Child Abuser Receives 40 Months in Prison**

On May 26, 2023, a Marion County Jury found Lindsey Hines, 36, guilty of misdemeanor Strangulation, two counts of felony Criminal Mistreatment in the First Degree (causing physical injury to a dependent person), and felony Strangulation. The jury found that these four charges constituted three separate incidents and that three of the charges victimized a child under the age of ten.

Hines represented herself during the three-day jury trial in which the children victims testified. There is no provision under the law that prohibits or restricts a self-represented defendant from cross-examining their victim(s), even children.

On June 6, 2023, Marion County Circuit Court Judge Thomas M. Hart sentenced Lindsey Hines to 40 months in the Oregon Department of Corrections.

Hines has a criminal history that includes Assault in the Fourth Degree constituting Domestic Violence.

The case was tried by Marion County Deputy District Attorney Katharine Semple.