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HIPOLITO APPEARS IN COURT, BAIL SET

Defendant Roberto Lino Hipolito had his first court appearance this morning in Anoka County District Court before Judge Dyanna Street.

The court set bail at \$150,000 with no conditions, or \$100,000 with the condition that Hipolito surrender his passport.

Hipolito was appointed a public defender and his next hearing was scheduled for Sept. 5. The court file number for this case is 02-CR-19-5117.

Because this prosecution is pending, the Anoka County Attorney's Office is declining to comment on the case. But County Attorney Tony Palumbo extends his sympathies to the victims and their loved ones.

"Our hearts are with the family of these children and to the child who remains in critical condition," Palumbo said. "While we cannot undo the carelessness that led to this tragedy, we can pursue justice and demand accountability."