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PARENTS GROWING MARIJUANA CHARGED WITH CHILD ABUSE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man and woman with child abuse, accusing them of running a marijuana growing operation in their home where they lived with three children.

Joseph Daniel Lightfoot (dob: 07-09-80) and **Amber Brooke Wildenstein** (dob: 04-26-81) are each charged with one count of *child abuse* (F3).

Colorado Revised Statute 18-6-401 states in part that a person commits child abuse, if, in the presence of a child, or on the premises where a child is found, or where a child resides... the person knowingly engages in the manufacture or attempted manufacture of a controlled substance.

The charges allege that Lightfoot and Wildenstein have been operating a marijuana growing operation in their home in the 2600 block of S. Williams Street in which three children, ages 7, 9, and 11 also resided. The charges are the result of a Denver Police Department investigation that began in early June when police were originally called to the home on a report of domestic violence.

Lightfoot and Wildenstein have been released from custody on \$50,000 bond each. Lightfoot is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on July 13, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. to be advised of the charge. Wildenstein will appear the following day, on July 14, 2010, at 1:30 to be advised.