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WOMAN CHARGED IN THE DEATH OF HER BABY

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a mother in connection with the death of her 6-month-old daughter a few weeks ago.

Jilliean Phillips (dob: 11-02-82) is charged with *child abuse resulting in death* (F2).

On October 24, 2010, Phillips called 911 to report that her infant daughter, who had been sleeping with her in an adult bed, was not breathing and was unresponsive. Emergency personnel responded but found that the infant, Samantha Brown, had died.

The charge alleges that Phillips was intoxicated while caring for Samantha, and unreasonably placed the infant in a situation that posed a threat to her health and safety by placing her in an adult bed with multiple articles of bedding that could cause suffocation.

Phillips was arrested last Friday, November 12, 2010, and remains in custody in the Denver County Jail; her bond is set at \$150,000. She is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on November 18, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. to be formally advised of the charge.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. *See* Colo. RPC 3.6

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