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PARENTS CHARGED WITH CHILD ABUSE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a mother and father with child abuse today, in connection with severe neglect of their daughter.

Kenny Sanchez (dob: 03-25-85) and **Kathleen Sanchez** (dob: 02-12-91) are each charged with child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury (F3).

The charges allege that the defendants engaged in a pattern of conduct that resulted in the malnourishment and mistreatment of their 3-year-old daughter, causing serious bodily injury to the child. The case came to light on February 2, 2012, when an off-duty law enforcement officer who saw the family in a store reported his concerns. The victim, who weighed only 19 pounds, was taken to a local hospital for treatment. She and her brother and sister have all been placed in protective care.

Both defendants remain in custody in the Denver County Jail; bond is set at \$50,000 each. They are scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on February 16, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.

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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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