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CHARGE FILED IN BABY DEATH

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a woman in connection with the death of her 1-year-old daughter earlier this week.

Michelle Pickett (dob: 09-06-83) is charged with *child abuse resulting in death* (F2).

The charge alleges that Audrina Montoya, who had turned one in October 2005, died after being left unsupervised in the bathtub.

Pickett remains in custody in the Denver County Jail. Her bond is set at \$200,000. She is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 9 a.m. to be advised of the charge.

The presumptive range for sentencing on a class 2 felony is up to 24 years in prison.

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¹ *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