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MAN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER FOR CHOKING BOY

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has charged a man accused of trying to murder a young nephew in an attack that occurred last week.

Emilio Rodriguez (dob: 03-21-78) is charged with two counts of *attempted first-degree murder* (F2) and one count of *child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury* (F3).

The charges allege that on January 3, 2006 Rodriguez choked his 8-year-old nephew while the family was celebrating the boy's birthday.

Rodriguez remains in custody in the Denver County Jail. His bond is set at \$50,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, on January 11, 2006 at 9 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.

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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