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CHARGES AMENDED IN CHILD ABUSE CASE, HELP SOUGHT

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has amended the charges today against a mother and a caregiver accused of child abuse, following the death of the victim. 3-year-old Zianne Hall was taken to a local hospital earlier in October suffering from malnourishment and severe dehydration; she died last week.

Shaunee Hall (dob: 10-27-84) and **Tina Houcks** (dob: 01-15-71) are now charged with *child abuse resulting in death* (F3)

The child was brought to a local hospital on October 13, 2007 suffering from malnourishment and dehydration, weighing less than 22 pounds, according to an arrest affidavit. She died on October 30, 2007. The charges allege that Hall (the child's mother) and Houcks (a roommate and caregiver) were responsible for her care.

Hall and Houcks remain in custody in the Denver County Jail, their bond is set at \$75,000. They will be advised of the amended charges on November 13, 2007.

The Denver District Attorney's Office is seeking additional information about Zianne Hall from anyone who may have had contact with the family earlier this year, especially anyone who was caring for the child. Call 720-913-2000 with information, or to remain anonymous call 720-913-STOP.