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GRAND JURY INDICTS TWO IN 2003 BABY DEATH

A Denver Grand Jury has returned an indictment charging two people in connection with the death of a one-year-old girl in October 2003. The indictment was returned yesterday and is the result of work done by detectives with the Denver Police Department's Cold Case Unit.

Patrick Romero (dob: 08-03-74) is charged by indictment with first-degree murder (F1) and two counts of child abuse resulting in death (F2).

Antoinette Medina (dob: 08-30-78) is charged by indictment with child abuse resulting in death (F2).

One-year-old Alexia Montoya was pronounced dead on October 13, 2003 after being taken to Porter Hospital. According to the indictment, the cause of death was later determined to be a subgaleal hemorrhage to her scalp caused by blunt force injuries to her head. She had been placed in the care of Antoinette Medina, her maternal aunt, and Medina's husband, Patrick Romero about a month prior to her death.

Romero and Medina remain in custody in the Denver County Jail. Romero is being held without bond; Medina's bond is set at \$50,000. Their next court date has not yet been scheduled.

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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