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PARENTS CHARGED IN ABUSE CASE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has charged the parents of five children with child abuse in connection with the discovery of physical abuse, unsanitary living conditions and illegal drug use in the family home in the 1400 block of Vine Street.

Yvette Barragan (dob: 05-25-80) and **William Cardenas** (dob: 06-08-78) are each charged with two counts of *felony child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury* (F3) and four counts of *misdemeanor child abuse* (M2).

The charges allege physical abuse to an 11-month son as well as additional abuse to the other children who were living in extremely unsanitary conditions that allegedly included open drug abuse.

Barragan and Cardenas were arrested on January 19, 2007 after a school teacher became concerned and reported her suspicions to police.

Barragan and Cardenas were formally advised of the charges today and are scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 472W, on February 15, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. for a preliminary hearing. They remain in custody in the Denver County Jail; bond is set at \$11,000 each.

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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