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FATHER CHARGED IN “SHAKEN-BABY SYNDROME” CASE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man in connection with the abuse of his three-month-old daughter.

Angel Chavez (DOB: 05-23-1989) is charged with *child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury* (F3).

The charge alleges that Chavez was at home taking care of his daughter in the morning of November 4, 2007, when he became frustrated with her and caused serious bodily injury. The charge alleges that Chavez violently shook the infant, causing the infant’s head to move backwards and forwards multiple times, and then dropped the child onto the floor. The child’s mother later returned home, noticed that the baby was having seizures, and took the child to an area hospital. According to the Statement of Probable Cause, the child was diagnosed with “shaken-baby syndrome,” with subdural bleeding and retinal hemorrhaging. Her condition is unknown at this time.

Chavez remains in the Denver County Jail and his next advisement is November 14, 2007 in Denver County Courtroom 12T at 9:00 a.m. His bond is set at \$50,000.

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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