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MOM AND ROOMMATE CHARGED WITH MURDER

Two women charged earlier with child abuse resulting in death are now facing murder charges in connection with the October 30, 2007 death of 3-year-old Zianne Hall.

Shaunee Hall (dob: 10-27-84) and **Tina Houcks** (dob: 01-15-71) are now charged with *child abuse resulting in death* (F3) and an additional count of *first-degree murder, knowingly causing the death of a child under 12* (F1).

Hall and Houcks appeared in Denver County Court earlier today to be advised of the additional charge, which was filed based on new information from additional witnesses who have come forward. They remain in custody in the Denver County Jail, being held without bond, and are scheduled for a preliminary hearing on December 13, 2007 at 9 a.m. in Denver County Courtroom 282.

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.

Anyone with additional information can call 720-913-2000, or to remain anonymous call 720-913-STOP.