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MOM CHARGED IN ABUSE CASE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a mother today in connection with a child abuse case that also resulted in the child's caregiver being charged last week.

Shaunee Hall (dob: 10-27-84) is charged with *child abuse resulting serious bodily injury* (F3).

The victim, a three-year-old girl, was taken to an area hospital on October 13, 2007. The charge alleges that the child was suffering from malnourishment and extreme dehydration, and weighed less than 22 lbs.

Hall remains in custody in the Denver County Jail. Her bond is set at \$75,000. She is scheduled to be advised of the charge on October 31, 2007 in Denver County Courtroom 12T at 9:00a.m.

Tina Houcks, a roommate and caregiver for the child, also remains in custody in the Denver County Jail on the same charge. Bond was set at \$75,000.

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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*