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NO CHARGES YET IN DEATH OF NEVEAH GALLEGOS

Two people arrested in connection with the death of 3-year-old Neveah Gallegos are being released from custody, pending further investigation into the little girl's death.

The Denver District Attorney's Office is faced with a deadline today to either formally charge or release Angel Montoya (dob: 01-19-85) and Miriam Gallegos (dob: 04-25-87). The investigation into the girl's death is not completed and prosecutors and police investigators are still waiting for a final report from the Office of the Medical Examiner, which may not be available for several weeks due to the length of time it commonly takes to get test results.

By law, suspects cannot be held in custody indefinitely. In Denver, charges are due to be filed within three regular working days after a defendant's arrest, excluding weekends and holidays. There is a process to file for an extension of time, usually 24 to 48 hours. The time frame for two extensions granted earlier in this case has expired. Beyond that, if charges have not been filed on a defendant in custody, the defendant is discharged from custody.

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey acknowledged the difficult situation saying, "A decision on filing criminal charges cannot be made until we have all the facts, including final results from the Medical Examiner that won't be back for several weeks. My office continues to work closely with the Denver Police Department in this continuing investigation."