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MAN CHARGED IN DEATH OF YOUNG GIRL

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man in connection with the death of his girlfriend's toddler.

Alexis Ortiz (DOB 10-20-1976) has been charged with *first-degree murder* (F1) and *child abuse resulting in death* (F2).

The charges allege that in the early morning hours of February 1, 2008, Ortiz called Denver Paramedics to his home near the 15000 block of East 50th Avenue because his girlfriend's daughter was unconscious. The child, Joslyn Asberry (DOB 02-16-04), was taken to an area hospital where she was pronounced dead from her injuries. The charges also allege that Ortiz was babysitting Asberry along with four other children when he caused the injuries leading to her death.

He was arrested on February 1, 2008, and is currently being held in the Denver County Jail without bond. His second advisement is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on February 12, 2008 in Denver County Court room 12T.

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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