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CHARGES FILED IN SCALDING DEATH OF 2-YEAR-OLD

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has charged a mother and her boyfriend in the death of her 2-year-old son, Elijah Archuleta.

John Vigil (dob: 09-17-84) and **Isela Reyes-Talamantes** (dob: 02-23-85) are each charged with *first-degree murder* (F1) and *child abuse resulting in death* (F2).

Denver police responded to St. Anthony Central Hospital on November 7, 2008 at about 11 p.m. on a report of a child with severe burns. The child, who would have been 3 in a few weeks, was pronounced dead a few minutes later. Vigil and Reyes-Talamantes were taken into custody a short time later.

Vigil and Reyes-Talamantes remain in custody in the Denver County Jail where they are being held without bond. They are scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, on November 18, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.

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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*