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CHARGES FILED IN SHOOTING OF THREE-YEAR-OLD BOY

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man and woman in connection with the shooting of their three-year-old son on November 22, 2009.

William Thalley (10-17-80) is charged with *attempted first-degree murder* (F2), *child abuse* (F3), and three counts of *menacing* (F5).

Nicole Fernandez (02-08-1984) is charged with *accessory to crime* (F5).

The charges allege that **Thalley** shot the boy during an argument he was having with **Fernandez** and that **Fernandez** later tried to help cover it up. The defendants first indicated to police that the child had been shot by an unknown male suspect at Morrison and Lowell Road. After further investigation by the Denver Police Department, **Thalley** was arrested, suspected of shooting his son in their home.

The defendants remain in custody in the Denver County Jail; bond is set at \$275,000 for **Thalley** and \$150,000 for **Fernandez**. The defendants are scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 472W, on December 3, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. to be 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

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