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WOMAN SENTENCED IN DAUGHTER'S DEATH

A Denver District Court judge has sentenced the mother of Neveah Gallegos in connection with the 2007 death of the 3-year-old girl.

Miriam Gallegos (dob: 04-25-87) pleaded guilty earlier to *child abuse resulting in death* (F2).

Today, Denver District Court Judge William Robbins sentenced her to 12 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections.

Denver Chief Deputy District Attorney Michelle Amico had argued for the maximum sentence of 16 years, saying it was clear that Gallegos had shirked her responsibility as a mother which led directly to the death of her daughter.

Neveah was reported missing by Gallegos on September 21, 2007, who claimed she had been kidnapped. After a short time Denver police announced the kidnapping report was not credible and launched a homicide investigation. Her body was found a few days later in a ravine in Lakewood Dry Gulch in the 1100 block of Perry Street.

Angel Ray Montoya (dob: 01-19-85) is charged by indictment with *first-degree murder* (F1) and *child abuse resulting in death* (F2). He is scheduled to go on trial February 10, 2011

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