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### **AUNT AND GRANDMOTHER CHARGED WITH FELONY CHILD ABUSE**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a second family member in connection with the brutal child abuse of a ten year old boy last year.

**Janelle A. McDonald** (dob: 07-17-63) was charged yesterday with three counts of *child abuse causing serious bodily injury* (F3, F4), and one count of *false imprisonment* (F5).

**Edna Iddings** (dob: 08-09-40) was charged last fall with two counts of *child abuse causing serious bodily injury* (F3) and one count of *false imprisonment* (F5).

The charges allege that Iddings, who is the victim's grandmother, abused the victim repeatedly using electrical cords to whip him, and tie him up. The charges further allege that McDonald, an aunt who lived in the home, knew of the abuse and failed to intervene or seek care for the child. The victim was found at a Denver hotel looking for help, and is now in the protective care of human services.

McDonald remains in custody in the Denver County Jail; her bond is set at \$50,000. She is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 tomorrow, February 2, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges. Iddings has been released from custody on a \$50,000 bond, and is scheduled to appear in Denver District Courtroom 5C on March 18 at 1:30 for a Motions hearing.

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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*