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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **CHARGES FILED IN CHILD ABUSE CASE**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged two people with multiple counts of child abuse after their children were found malnourished and living in unsanitary conditions.

**Wayne Sperling** (10-01-47) and **Lorinda Bailey** (11-18-77) are each charged with four counts of felony child abuse (F5), one count for each child.

The charges allege that the children, ages 2, 4, 5, and 6 years old were unreasonably placed in a situation that posed a threat to their health and that there was a pattern of conduct that resulted in malnourishment and mistreatment. In addition to noting the unsanitary conditions of the home, the arrest affidavit cites medical reports that the children were malnourished, non-verbal, and that none of the children were toilet-trained. They are now in protective care.

Sperling and Bailey remain in custody; bond has been set at \$5,000 each. They are scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, at 9:30 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

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