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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **WOMAN CHARGED IN DEATH OF INFANT DAUGHTER**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a woman accused of child abuse, resulting in the death of her 2-month-old daughter.

**Kelsy Newell-Skinner** (dob: 02-26-1993) is charged with *First-degree murder* (F1) and *Child abuse resulting in death* (F2).

On July 27, 2014, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Skinner's infant daughter, Natalee Hurst-Skinner (dob: 05-14-2014), was taken to Children's Hospital at 13123 East 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue with signs of abuse. Once at the hospital, the baby was determined to have multiple skull fractures, broken ribs, severe bruising, bite marks on her thigh and brain damage. The victim died several days later, on July 31, 2014. The charges allege that Natalee was in the care of her mother when she suffered the injuries.

Skinner remains in custody on a \$50,000 bond; her next court date has not yet been set.

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