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DAYCARE PROVIDER CHARGED IN BABY DEATH

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally charged a woman in connection with the death of a baby girl in her care.

Stephanie Hill (dob: 11-27-1947) is charged with one count of *child abuse resulting in death-negligence* (F3). The charge was direct-filed in Denver District Court yesterday.

The charge alleges that on June 5, 2017, while in the care of Ms. Hill, a licensed daycare provider, 1-year-old Karsen White (dob: 5-19-2016) died sometime after being placed in a baby crib containing a number of adult-sized bed sheets. When Ms. Hill checked on Karsen mid-afternoon, she allegedly found the baby unresponsive. The Denver Coroner's office reported that the cause and manner of death were "undetermined" but added that the "unsafe sleeping environment most likely contributed to the victim's death." Ms. Hill was arrested on August 1.

Ms. Hill posted bail on a \$50,000 bond. She is scheduled to appear on August 18, 2017, in District Courtroom 5C at 8:30 a.m. for advisement.

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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