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**Mom who Left Baby in Car during Snowstorm Charged with Felony Child Abuse**

District Attorney Dave Young announced Wednesday that Nicole Carmon has been charged with felony child abuse for leaving her 2-year-old son in a car overnight during last Friday's arctic snowstorm.

"The Thornton Police Department should be commended on the outstanding police work involved in locating this young child in time to save his life," Young said.

Thornton police found Carmon's son strapped to a car seat in her vehicle in a parking lot at 901 E. 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue on Saturday at about noon. Multiple Thornton police officers were dispatched to search for the vehicle after Carmon reported Saturday morning that she had left her son in her vehicle overnight during the snow storm but did not know where. The boy was rushed to the hospital for treatment of frostbite and hypothermia.

Carmon (DOB 12/29/89) is charged with one count of child abuse causing serious bodily injury (F3).

She appeared in court Wednesday afternoon for formal advisement. A preliminary hearing is set for 9 a.m. January 13 in Division 3 of Adams County Court. Carmon is held on \$50,000 bond.

The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual committed a crime under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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