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**Teen Faces Trial as Adult in Murder of 10-year-old Girl**

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Tuesday that 15-year-old Aidan Zellmer has been charged as an adult with first-degree murder and sexual assault in the death of a 10-year-old girl last June in Thornton.

After a four-day hearing, Adams County Juvenile Court Judge Priscilla Loew ruled Tuesday morning that Zellmer's case should be transferred to adult court.

Zellmer is charged with first-degree murder after deliberation (F1), first-degree murder by a person in a position of trust (F1), two counts of felony murder (F1), one count of sexual assault on a child and two counts of felony sexual assault.

He will be advised of the charges at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Division Q of Adams County District Court.

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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