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Man Charged with Kidnapping and Assault in Abduction of Son

17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Monday that Mauricio Venzor-Gonzalez has been formally charged with multiple counts of kidnapping and assault in connection with the abduction of his 1-year-old son last August in Adams County.

Adams County deputies responding to a 911 call on August 31 found a 13-year-old girl bound with several zip ties around her wrists. The charges allege that Venzor-Gonzalez bound the girl at her residence at 7430 Dexter St during a dispute with her sister, Samantha Adams, 26, over demands to see his young son.

Venzor-Gonzalez abducted Adams and the child at gunpoint and an Amber Alert was issued. The 13-year-old girl fled to a neighbor's for help after Venzor-Gonzalez left. Adams and her son were found unharmed the next day in Denver.

Venzor-Gonzalez is charged with two counts of first-degree kidnapping (F1), two counts of first-degree burglary (F3), second-degree assault with a knife (F4), second-degree kidnapping (F4) and child abuse.

He was advised of the charges Monday in Adams County District Court. A preliminary hearing is set for 9 a.m. April 9 in Division Q of Adams County District Court. Venzor-Gonzalez is held on \$500,000 cash only bond.

Venzor-Gonzales was arrested Nov. 29 on charges of second-degree kidnapping and burglary. Those charges were dismissed Monday when the new charges were filed.

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. See Colo. RPC 3.6.

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