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

Fifteen-year-old Aidan Zellmer appeared in Adams County District Court Friday for advisement on charges of first-degree murder and sexual assault that were filed against him in the death of a 10-year-old girl last June in Thornton.

Zellmer is charged as an adult 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.

A hearing will be set on Wednesday in Division Q of to decide whether bond should be set in the case.

Adams County Juvenile Court Judge Priscilla Loew ruled Tuesday morning that Zellmer's case should be transferred to adult court. He was charged as an adult Tuesday afternoon.

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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