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**Father Charged in Death of 5-year-old Stepson**

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Wednesday that Barney David Savedra has been charged with first-degree murder and child abuse resulting in the death of his 5-year-old stepson.

Adams County deputies responding to a 911 call at an apartment complex at 6440 Tennyson Street on Sunday, April 8, found 5-year-old Malachi Perkins unresponsive. He was pronounced dead at Denver Health Medical Center. Savedra was caring for the child while the boy's mother was working.

According to the autopsy report, the boy suffered a lacerated spleen, fractured ribs, lacerated lungs and a ruptured liver.

Savedra (DOB 05/25/87) is charged with first-degree murder of a child by a person in a position of trust (F1) and child abuse resulting in death (F2).

He was advised of the charges Wednesday in Adams County District Court. A preliminary hearing is set for 1:30 p.m. May 11 in Division L.

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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