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**Father Pleads Guilty in Death of 5-year-old Stepson**

Barney David Savedra pleaded guilty Wednesday to second-degree murder and first degree assault in the beating 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, 2018, 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. His torso, arms and back were covered in new and healing bruises.

Savedra (DOB 05/25/87) pleaded guilty to the charges as part of a plea agreement that calls for a stipulated sentence of 70 years in prison. He will be sentenced at 8:30 a.m. June 28 in Division L of Adams County District Court.

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