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Adams County Deputy Charged with Misdemeanor Child Abuse

The 17th Judicial District Attorney's Office has charged Robert Joseph Slater Sheetz with misdemeanor child abuse of his infant daughter.

On September 18, Brighton police responded to Children's Hospital on a call of child abuse involving a 34-day-old baby with injuries to her face. Her mother had taken the baby to the hospital that morning from the family residence in Brighton. A physician concluded that the infant had suffered non-accidental trauma.

Sheetz (DOB 05/13/90), a deputy with the Adams County Sheriff's Office, is charged with one count of knowing or reckless child abuse resulting in injury, a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Sheetz was advised of the charge Wednesday in Adams County Court. His next court appearance is at 9 a.m. Nov. 5 in Division 7 of Adams County Court.

The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual committed a crime under Colorado law. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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