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Mom in Viral Child Abuse Video Pleads Guilty



GREELEY, Colo. (Weld County D.A.) – The Weld County mother accused of abusing her 2-year-old son pleaded guilty today in Weld County District Court.

Katrina Kennedy-Flores, 26, of Lochbuie, plead guilty to Child Abuse – Knowingly or Recklessly Causing Bodily Injury, a class 1 misdemeanor.

She faces up to 24 months in the county jail.

Kennedy was arrested in May after a 16-minute video surfaced of her abusing and yelling at her son. According to the affidavit, the video showed her slamming a booster chair into the child's playpen near or on the victim and also repeatedly hitting him.

She could also be heard cussing at the 2-year-old and yelling “I’m going to kill you” and “You’re going to die” after he apparently lost her phone charger.

The boy had bruises to both arms and legs and two dark spots on his forehead, which resembled bruising according to police reports.

“Unfortunately, many of us have seen this video by now,” said District Attorney Michael Rourke. “It’s sickening. It’s sad. It’s reprehensible. Prosecuting crimes against children, the smallest and most vulnerable voices of our community, must be a priority.”

Kennedy is due back in court for sentencing on January 3 at 1:30 p.m. in Division B.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. See Colo. RPC 3.6