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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: May 15th, 2015
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Re: Charges Filed in the Death of Two Year Old Michael Lara

Greeley, CO – Weld County District Attorney Michael Rourke announced today that charges have been filed against John Melvin White in the death of two year old Michael Lara. He has been charged with one count of Murder in the First Degree of a Child Under the Age of 12 by One in Position of Trust (F1) and one count of Child Abuse Resulting in Death (F2).

On Monday, May 11th, 2015, Greeley Police Department officers were called to 200 North 35th Avenue Unit #1 in Greeley, Colorado, in regards to an unresponsive child with injuries.

According to the police affidavit, the child was immediately transported to the hospital.

The neighbor told police that White, the boyfriend of the child's mother, had brought the child to her house earlier, unresponsive.

Police arrested him and transported him to the Weld County Jail where he is currently being held without bond.

At 12:05am on May 13th, 2015 Michael Lara died at the hospital.

White is due back in court on May 19th at 8:30 am in Division 13 to be advised on the charges that have been filed.

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