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Mother appears for pit bull hearing

By Rocky Mountain News

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The woman facing child abuse charges in connection with her son's mauling by three pit bulls last month made her first court appearance Thursday.

Renee Muniz was advised of the charges against her in Arapahoe County District Court and was informed that she needs to seek legal counsel before her next court appearance.

The 37-year-old mother of Gregg Jones, who was attacked by the dogs in his backyard Nov. 2, was charged Tuesday with one felony count of child abuse and three misdemeanor charges, including unlawful ownership of a dangerous dog and cruelty to animals.

Muniz could face up to six years in prison if convicted of the felony charge.

Jones' 20-year-old sister, Danielle Carson, faces misdemeanor charges for owning two of the dogs that attacked her brother.

Muniz turned herself in to authorities Wednesday and was released on a \$50,000 personal recognizance bond.

She continues to care for Jones, who is still recuperating from his injuries, at their home on East Asbury Avenue.

Her next court date is scheduled for January.

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