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RE: Matthew Schneider Guilty of Child Abuse Resulting in Death

Today, after 17 days of trial, Matthew Alex Schneider, DOB: 11-8-79, of Lakewood, was found guilty of reckless child abuse resulting in the death of his 29-day-old son, Christopher. Schneider was caring for the infant on September 17, 2003 when he called 911 because the child was limp and cold. Paramedics rushed the baby first to Swedish Medical Center where he was assessed and treated. He was then airlifted to The Children's Hospital. Doctors there found swelling and bleeding of the brain, facial abrasions and two rib fractures.

Schneider was remanded to the custody of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and will be held without bond until his sentencing on March 25, 2005 at 1:30 in Division 6 of the Jefferson County District Court. He faces a mandatory minimum of from 16-48 years in prison.

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