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Parents may face charges in death of diabetic child

The death of a Colorado girl whose diabetes was left untreated after her parents refused medical treatment on religious grounds has been classified a homicide, Mesa County Coroner Robert Kurtzman said. Janet Prell, a spokeswoman for the Mesa County Sheriff's Office, said the death of Amanda Bates, 13, was still being investigated and no decision on possible charges against her parents had been made. Amanda, 13, died Feb. 5. Colleen and Randy Bates belong to the General Assembly Church of the First Born. Withheld medical treatment has been blamed in eight previous stillbirths and youth deaths in families belonging to the church.