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For Immediate Release:

On May 3, 2024, the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office added eleven additional charges in the case against Kiarra Jones, the bus aide who battered and abused non-verbal Autistic children who attended the Joshua School in Littleton, Colorado. The additional charges include nine separate charges of Third-Degree Assault against At-Risk minors and two separate charges for Child Abuse. The District Attorney's Office has notified the families of the additional charges it will be bringing against Kiarra Jones for her unspeakable and inhumane acts against Autistic students. The families commend the District Attorney's Office for its diligence and commitment to bring these charges on behalf of our most valuable and vulnerable citizens, our children.

Beginning in approximately September 2023, each family saw significant shifts in their child's behavior and noticed physical injuries on their child, including unexplained scratches, bruises, a lost tooth, a broken toe, a black eye, and other deep bruises on their bodies and feet. The parents independently communicated their concerns to the Joshua School. Video taken from inside the bus transporting the children to and from school on March 18, 2024, reveals the LPS bus aide's indescribable malice. Video reveals her repeatedly hitting, punching, and stomping on a fragile 10-year-old boy. These unprovoked assaults on a defenseless, severely disabled child are sickening. The limited information currently available indicates that abuse on the LPS bus began well before March 18, 2024. Each family is experiencing an immeasurable amount of pain, heartbreak, anger, and utter disillusionment as they seek justice for their children.

On April 4, 2024, Ms. Jones was arrested and charged with a Class 6 felony assault against an at-risk minor. On May 3, 2024, at 1:30 pm, Ms. Jones will appear in person at the Arapahoe County Justice Center located at 7325 S. Potomac St., Centennial, CO 80112 in Division 302 to hear the additional charges brought against her. The proceedings will also be held via Web Ex at https://live.coloradojudicial.gov/.

Our clients Jessica and Devon Vestal on behalf of their son D.V. (the child shown in the video), Blake and Jessica McBride on behalf of their son A.M., and Brittany and Kevin Yarbrough on behalf of their son H.Y. welcome the additional charges brought against Kiarra Jones and fully support the District Attorney's Office's prosecution.

More information regarding this case can be found here: <u>https://rmlawyers.com/littleton-public-schools-special-education-student-abuse-cases/</u>

Support the families of the victims by contributing to their GoFundMe campaign here: <u>https://www.gofundme.com/f/stand-with-dax-hunter-andrews-fight</u>

Please direct any questions for the families to their attorneys:

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