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## For Immediate Release

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## Murder Charge Filed Against Driver Who Caused Crash That Killed 8-Year-Old Boy

Today, the District Attorney filed an amended criminal complaint against Aylin Alderette, adding an additional charge of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder.

Alderette is accused of causing a vehicle accident that resulted in the death of an 8-year-old boy. The original criminal complaint charged three counts each of DUI Causing Death or Substantial Bodily Harm and Reckless Driving.

Additionally, the District Attorney made a motion in court that the bail amount in this case be raised from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000, and the judge granted that motion

"In a typical DUI causing death case, it is not normal for murder charges to be filed," said Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson. "However, the facts of this case are not typical, and the recklessness and blatant disregard for human life that was displayed by the defendant warranted the more serious charge. It is my duty to hold people in these situations appropriately accountable. Simply charging the DUI and Reckless Driving is not enough."

"We are seeing more and more cases like this," said Chief Deputy District Attorney Eric Bauman. "As a community, we need to come up with better ways to discourage this type of behavior. Drivers are becoming more reckless, and completely disregarding not only our DUI laws, but our basic traffic safety laws as well. This puts everyone on the streets in danger. Enough is enough."

Alderette is scheduled to appear for a Preliminary Hearing on September 24<sup>th</sup>. She is currently in custody.

**MEDIA NOTE:** District Attorney Wolfson, Chief of the DA's Vehicular Crimes Team Eric Bauman and LVMPD Traffic Captain Nick Farese will be available to answer any questions regarding this release at 10:00am today, on the first floor of the Regional Justice Center, near the Information desk at the south entrance.