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DRUG, CHILD ABUSE CHARGES FILED AGAINST FAMILY

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged two men, their mother, and their mother's common-law husband in connection with the sale and distribution of drugs.

Frank Anthony Duran (DOB: 10-26-91), **Dominic Frank Duran** (DOB: 9-18-86), **Debbie Duran** (DOB: 4-24-64), and **Francisco Javier Herrera** (DOB: 9-22-67) are charged with a number of felonies and misdemeanors, including *possession of a controlled substance (ecstasy)* (F4), *possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute* (F3), *possession with intent to distribute more than 5 lbs of marijuana* (F4), and *child abuse* (M2).

The charges allege that the defendants were growing marijuana and selling both ecstasy and marijuana from their home in which two children, ages five and nine, were also living. The charges are the result of an undercover Denver Police Department investigation that began in September of 2010.

All four defendants remain in custody in the Denver Detention Center and are scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on October 18, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges against them.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. *See Colo. RPC 3.6*