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MURDER CHARGE FILED, INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

On April 5, 2010 at approximately 3:30 p.m. detectives with the Denver Police Department, Homicide Unit began a cooperative investigation of a missing adult male identified as Hae C. Park (04/29/45) with the Adams County Sheriff's Department. ADCO began their investigation on March 29, 2010 and learned that the last time family saw the victim was on March 27, 2010. Park was supposed to meet with his business partner, Joong Rhee at Rhee's office in Denver (10200 East Girard Avenue, Building B, unit 327).

On April 5, 2010, Adams County detectives discovered what appeared to be a crime scene at Rhee's office, and contacted the Denver Police Department. The Denver Police Department Homicide Unit took over the investigation, processed the scene and collected several items of evidence.

Through the investigation, detectives developed information that suggested a possible location of Mr. Park's body. On Thursday, April 15, 2010, members of the Denver Police Department, along with the Garfield County Sheriff's office, and several local volunteers checked the area of the Colorado River between Grizzly and Glenwood Springs. Investigators found no additional evidence.

On April 16, 2010, Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey formally charged **Joong Rhee** (DOB: 11-21-43) with Murder in the First Degree. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 472W on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. to be advised of the charge. He remains in custody in the Denver County Jail where he is being held without bond.

The search for the body of Mr. Park will continue.

Anyone with information about this investigation or information about the location of Mr. Park, please contact the Denver Police Department at 720-913-2000 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers