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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN CLAIMING TO BE A SWAT PARAMEDIC CHARGED**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man today for firearms violations in connection with claims that he was a SWAT paramedic.

**Wayne Michael Thornton** (dob: 02-06-89) is charged with having a firearm in a public transportation facility (F6) and possession of a weapon by a previous offender (F6).

The charges allege that on August 17, 2010, Thornton was dressed in a uniform and was carrying a semi-automatic firearm in an RTD facility at 901 S. Broadway in Denver. According to an arrest affidavit, Thornton was approached by security personnel and claimed to be a SWAT paramedic working for a local company. Further investigation led to his arrest the next day.

Thornton has been released from custody on a \$25,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on September 2, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. to be formally advised of the charges.

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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

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