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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **CHARGES FILED IN WOMAN'S HIT/RUN DEATH**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a 25-year-old man in connection with the hit/run death of 32-year-old Laura McDermott that occurred more than a week ago.

**Dennis Esquibel** (dob: 01-17-87) is charged with *leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death* (F3) and *vehicular homicide-reckless* (F4).

The charges allege that at about 1 a.m. on September 23, 2012, Esquibel was driving southbound on Broadway at a high rate of speed when he hit the victim, a pedestrian, at the intersection of Broadway and Cedar Avenue. The charges further allege he fled the scene.

The car involved in the crash was later found in the 1300 block of South Jason Street, and Esquibel was later identified as a suspect. He was arrested on September 27, 2012, and remains in custody. His bond is set at \$100,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on Thursday, October 4, 2012, to be formally advised of the charges.

The presumptive range for sentencing on a class 3 felony is up to 12 years in prison; if there are aggravating circumstances the sentencing range could be up to 24 years in prison.

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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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