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CHARGES FILED IN FATAL HOV LANE CRASH

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a 27-year-old woman accused of causing a fatal crash on August 31, 2013 in the HOV lanes north of Park Avenue.

Rebecca Maez (dob: 03-01-86) is charged with *vehicular homicide* (F3), *vehicular assault* (F4) and *driving while under revocation – alcohol related offense* (M).

The charges allege that Maez was driving drunk when she drove the wrong direction in the HOV lanes in the early morning hours of August 31, 2013 and crashed into another vehicle. The crash killed 34-year-old Jennifer Friede who was a passenger in the other vehicle, and seriously injured the driver.

Maez remains in custody; her bond is set at \$80,000. She is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 9:30 a.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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