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MAN CHARGED WITH CRUELTY IN DOG'S DEATH

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of leaving his 8-month-old dog in a hot car in June. The dog, who was unconscious when found, had to be euthanized.

Dane Hampel (dob: 09-08-90) is charged with one count of *aggravated cruelty to animals* (F6).

On June 24, 2015, a right-of-way enforcement officer discovered the unconscious and unresponsive dog inside a parked car near 12th Avenue and Delaware Street and contacted Denver Animal Control. He was taken to the emergency vet at the Denver Animal Shelter but treatment was not successful and he had to be euthanized. The charge alleges that Hampel knowingly left the dog in the car on a day when the outside temperature was 91 degrees.

Hampel has been released from custody on a \$1,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on October 22, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. to be formally advised of the charge.