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TWO TEENS CHARGED IN CHURCH VANDALISM

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged two teenagers accused of damaging a statue at a Denver church earlier in February.

Petitions in juvenile delinquency have been filed this week against a 15-year-old and a 16-year old. They are facing charges of *second-degree burglary* (F4), *criminal mischief* (F6), *possession of an explosive or incendiary device* (F4), and *bias-motivated crime* (M1).

The petition alleges that on February 15, 2015, the two teens destroyed a statue at a Denver church and then broke into the church and caused additional damage inside. They were arrested last week and have been released into the custody of their parents. Their next court hearing is in March.

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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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