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### **Denver DA McCann Charges Two Brothers in 2021 Double Homicide**

**DENVER**—After a Denver grand jury indicted brothers Sergio Rodarte Jr. (current age 24) and Andrew Rodarte (current age 23) prosecutors with the Denver District Attorney’s Office have charged both men with the 2021 murders of Mariceo Negrete and Josiah Salas.

On May 1, 2021, the victims were at a house party in Denver. The Rodarte brothers arrived and allegedly got into an argument with Negrete. Prosecutors claim Sergio and Andrew Rodarte pulled out semi-automatic weapons and shot and killed Mariceo Negrete who was 20-years-old at the time and Josiah Salas who was 22-years-old at the time. On May 4, 2021, the Denver Office of the Medical Examiner found both victims died by gunshot wounds and ruled their deaths as homicides.

Sergio Rodarte Jr. is charged with four counts of murder in the first degree (F1) under different theories of the case, and four counts of possessing a weapon as a previous offender (F5). His case number is 22CR20009. Andrew Rodarte is also charged with four counts of murder in the first degree (F1) under different theories of the case, and four counts of possessing a weapon as a previous juvenile offender (F6). His case number is 22CR20010.

Sergio Rodarte Jr. and Andrew Rodarte are next scheduled to be in court for a bond hearing on December 9, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in Denver District Court courtroom 5A.

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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.