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CHARGES FILED IN OCTOBER HIT/RUN DEATH

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused in a fatal hit and run crash several weeks ago. The victim, 79-year-old Berdie Friedman, was hit as she was crossing Colfax Avenue at Quitman Street on October 17, 2006. She died from her injuries two weeks later on October 30, 2006.

Pablo Alcalá (dob: 10-15-56) is charged with *leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death* (F4), *aggravated habitual traffic offender* (F6), *careless driving resulting in death* (T1) and *driving under revocation – second offense* (M).

The charges allege that Alcalá was turning onto westbound Colfax Avenue from Quitman Street when he struck Friedman. The charges further allege that after he carried the victim to a bus shelter he fled the scene after letting her use his cell phone to call her husband.

Alcalá has been released from custody on a \$20,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, on November 29, 2006 at 9 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.