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BUS DRIVER CHARGED IN PEDESTRIAN DEATH

The Denver District Attorney's Office has charged a bus driver in connection with a fatal bus-pedestrian accident that occurred last week.

James Bauman (dob: 12-14-46) is charged with *careless driving resulting in death* (M1).

Bauman was driving an RTD bus on January 5, 2006 and hit 45-year-old Breona Taylor as she was walking across Speer Boulevard at Larimer Street. Taylor later died from her injuries. The charge alleges that Bauman drove "in a careless and imprudent manner, without due regard for the width, grade, curves, corners, traffic, and use of the streets and highway and all other attendant circumstances." (C.R.S. 42-4-1402).

Bauman is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court on February 9, 2006 at 8 a.m. for arraignment in courtroom 11S. He faces probation up to 18 months in the county jail and a fine of up to \$5,000 if convicted on the charge.

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¹ *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