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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN CHARGED IN MOTHER'S MURDER**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has charged a man accused in the November 2005 murder of his mother. 51-year-old Jerlean Harris was found dead in her home in the 5200 block of Altura Street after family members had been unable to reach her.

**Jerel Harris** (dob: 05-15-74) is charged with *first-degree murder after deliberation* (F1).

The charge alleges that Harris was involved in an altercation with his mother on November 8, 2005 shortly before he murdered her.

Harris remains in custody in the Denver County Jail where he is being held without bond. He is scheduled to be formally advised of the charge on February 17, 2005 at 9 a.m. in Denver County Court, room 12T.

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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