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CO-DEFENDANT CHARGED IN '05 SHOOTING

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has charged a second man in connection with a shooting and attempted murder that occurred in June 2005.

Benjamin Thomas (dob: 07-01-78) is charged with two counts of attempted first-degree murder (F2).

The charges allege that on June 12, 2005, Thomas was driving the car from which Brian Hicks allegedly fired shots at Kalonniann Clark, nearly hitting her and another woman who was driving by just at that moment. Hicks was identified as a suspect and was arrested within minutes of the shooting. The driver remained unidentified until new information was developed last week, leading to the arrest of Thomas on December 5, 2006.

Thomas remains in custody in the Denver County Jail. His bond is set at \$200,000. He is scheduled to be formally advised of the charges on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 9 a.m. in Denver County Court, room 12T.

Hicks remains in custody in the Denver County Jail. His bond is set at \$500,000. He is now scheduled for trial in the case in April 2007.

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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