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MAN WHO POINTED GUN AT OFFICER IS CHARGED

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has charged a man accused of pointing a gun at a Denver police officer.

Gustavo Cruz (dob: 01-20-86) is charged with *first-degree assault* (F3), *vehicular eluding* (F5) and *leaving the scene of an accident* (T).

The charges allege that on March 29, 2007 Cruz tried to flee from officers during a traffic stop but crashed his vehicle into a yard at 47th and Lincoln and tried to escape on foot. The charges further allege that during the foot chase Cruz stopped and pointed a gun at one of the officers, who fired at Cruz. He was later arrested at a local hospital where he was being treated for a bullet wound to his hip.

Cruz has been released from custody on a \$50,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Denver County, room 12T, to be formally advised of the charges on April 13, 2007 at 9 a.m.

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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