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CHARGES FILED IN STABBING DEATH

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man in the stabbing death of a 31-year-old man outside a bar earlier this month.

Wesley Stoltz (dob: 10-15-77) is charged with *first-degree murder after deliberation* (F1).

The charges allege that on February 5, 2007 at about 12:50 a.m., Stoltz and the victim, Bryan Lusk, were involved in a verbal altercation outside the Horseshoe Lounge at 414 East 20th Avenue. The charges further allege that Stoltz left the scene but later returned and stabbed the victim. Lusk died later that day at Denver Health Medical Center from injuries he received to his neck and legs.

Stoltz was charged on February 8, 2007 and appeared in Denver County Court today to be formally advised of those charges. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 108, for a preliminary hearing on April 4, 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