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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN CHARGED IN CRASH THAT KILLED CAB DRIVER**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has filed formal charges against a 21-year-old man from Aurora who is accused of crashing into a cab while driving drunk, killing the cab driver.

**Darian Blackwell** (dob: 05-22-87) is charged with two counts of *vehicular homicide* (F3 and F4).

The charges allege that about 1:30 a.m. on September 6, 2008, Blackwell was driving northbound on Williams Street under the influence of alcohol when he went through a stop sign at 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue at a high rate of speed. The charges further allege that he crashed into a cab that was westbound on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, killing the driver, 32-year-old Solomon Abraham.

Blackwell remains in custody in the Denver County Jail. His bond is set at \$75,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, at 9 a.m. on September 11, 2008 to be advised of the charges.

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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*