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MAN IN OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING CHARGED WITH MENACING

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a 24-year-old male accused of aiming a loaded handgun at another person last week. The incident led to the man being shot and injured by a Denver police officer.

Dwight Collins (dob: 07-22-84) is charged with felony menacing (F5) and prohibited use of a weapon (M2).

On October 17, 2008 at approximately 2:00 a.m., a Denver police officer, parked in his patrol car in the lower downtown area, observed a driver in another vehicle raise a handgun and point it towards pedestrians and a Denver police car in which a person was being detained. The officer, who believed the driver was about to shoot, fired his weapon and injured the driver. The charges allege that Collins was the driver and pointed a loaded handgun at another person.

Collins remains in custody in the Denver County Jail; his bond has been set at \$50,000.

He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 12T, on October 24, 2008 at 9 a.m. to be advised of the charges. The presumptive range for sentencing on a class five felony is one to three years in the Department of Corrections.