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MAN CHARGED IN LODO HIT AND RUN

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of hitting two pedestrians and then leaving the scene of the accident near 20th Street and Chestnut earlier this month.

Brandon Mondragon (dob: 8-21-89) is charged today with two counts of *leaving the scene of an accident* (F5) and two counts of *careless driving resulting in injury* (T1).

The charges allege that Mondragon was driving on 20th Street in the early morning hours of October 3, 2010, when he hit two pedestrians who were in the crosswalk at Chestnut and then fled the scene. Denver police detectives were able to identify Mondragon as a suspect and his car was later found in Westminster. The victims, a 26-year-old man and a 27-year-old woman, were seriously injured.

Mondragon has been released from custody on a \$10,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on October 27, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. to be formally 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

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