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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **CHARGES FILED IN OCTOBER HIT/RUN DEATH**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused in a fatal hit and run crash several weeks ago. The victim, 79-year-old Berdie Friedman, was hit as she was crossing Colfax Avenue at Quitman Street on October 17, 2006. She died from her injuries two weeks later on October 30, 2006.

**Pablo Alcalá** (dob: 10-15-56) is charged with *leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death* (F4), *aggravated habitual traffic offender* (F6), *careless driving resulting in death* (T1) and *driving under revocation – second offense* (M).

The charges allege that Alcalá was turning onto westbound Colfax Avenue from Quitman Street when he struck Friedman. The charges further allege that after he carried the victim to a bus shelter he fled the scene after letting her use his cell phone to call her husband.

Alcalá has been released from custody on a \$20,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, on November 29, 2006 at 9 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.