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MAN CHARGED IN WOMAN'S MURDER

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has charged a 39-year-old man today in connection with the death of a co-worker a little over a week ago.

Shimondi Gebreselassie (DOB: 07-26-67) is charged with *first-degree-murder* (F1).

The charges allege that on December 2, 2006 at about 6:30 p.m. the victim, 37-year-old Alganesh Meshesha, closed her business at 1475 Ivy Street and was stabbed in her vehicle which was parked nearby. She later died as a result of her injuries. Gebreselassie was identified as a suspect by Denver police detectives, and was located by the California Highway Patrol on December 5, 2006 when his car became stranded on the side of a road near Barstow, California. He was taken into custody and is currently at the San Bernardino County Jail.

Gebreselassie will be advised of the charges at a future court hearing that will be scheduled after he is returned to Colorado.

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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