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CHARGES FILED IN TEEN'S MURDER

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has charged two young men with the June 2006 murder of a 16-year-old Denver girl.

Tyrell McCrea (dob: 03-28-87) and **Shawn Morris** (dob: 12-31-88) are each charged *with first-degree murder after deliberation (F1), first-degree murder, extreme indifference (F1), conspiracy to commit murder (F2), attempted first-degree murder (F2) and illegal discharge of a firearm (F5).*

On June 14, 2006, 16-year-old Joslynn Thornton was visiting her boyfriend in his home in the 5200 block of Xanadu Street when she was fatally injured by gunfire that came through the living room window. She died from her injuries a week later.

Following an on-going investigation by the Denver Police Department, McCrea and Morris were arrested on September 29, 2006 in connection with Thornton's murder. Morris, a juvenile, is being charged as an adult. Both remain in custody without bond. They will appear in Denver District Court next week 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*