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### **GUILTY PLEA IN VEHICULAR HOMICIDE**

A man accused in a fatal hit-and-run crash last spring has pleaded guilty in connection with the case.

**Chase Miller** (dob: 12-05-74) pleaded guilty to one count of vehicular homicide (F3) and faces a sentencing range from probation up to 10 years in prison when he is sentenced in March. In exchange for his guilty plea, additional charges of DUI, reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident were dismissed.

Miller was driving drunk on the evening of April 25, 2005 when he ran a stoplight at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Lincoln Street. He hit a vehicle driven by 58-year-old Richard Cooper who died from his injuries.

Sentencing will be held March 3, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. in Denver District Courtroom 13.

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<sup>1</sup> \*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