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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN CHARGED WITH TWO MURDERS**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has charged a 43-year-old man in connection with the murder of his 81-year-old father and a 38-year-old caregiver.

**Gregory Owens** (DOB: 04-05-1963) is charged with two counts of *first-degree-murder* (F1).

On November 19, 2006 at approximately 9:30 p.m. Denver police responded to a house in the 3600 block of Garfield Street to conduct a welfare check. They found the bodies of Israel Sampson and Peggy Ford inside. A family member had not been able to reach Ms. Ford for more than a week, leading investigators to suspect that both victims may have been dead for several days.

Owens, who also lived in the house with his father, was arrested in Denver for an unrelated incident that involved threatening a relative with a shotgun on the same day the bodies were discovered.

Owens will be advised of the charges on November 29, 2006 in Denver County Court, room 12T, at 9:00 a.m.

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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