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NEW CHARGES ADDED IN SANTILLANES CASE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has added new charges against a man accused in a drunk-driving accident that killed an off-duty Denver police officer.

Joseph Santillanes (dob: 05-16-64) now faces two counts of *vehicular homicide* (F4) in addition to the charges filed earlier (leaving the scene of an accident and two counts of DUI). The additional counts were filed today.

Officer Bob Wilson was off-duty and riding his motorcycle on December 23, 2005 when a pick-up truck turned left in front of him, causing a serious crash. Wilson never recovered from his injuries and passed away on June 10, 2006.

Santillanes has been released from custody on a \$50,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Denver District Court on July 10, 2006 1:30 p.m. for a motions hearing.

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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