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CHARGES FILED AGAINST WOMAN IN DEATH OF TWO PEDESTRIANS

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a 64-year-old woman in a fatal auto-pedestrian crash that killed two teenagers last November.

Sandra Maul (dob: 05-22-42) is charged with two counts of *vehicular homicide* (F3). (*See the specific wording of the statute below.)

The charges allege that on November 17, 2006 she was driving under the influence of drugs when she veered onto a sidewalk in the 1800 block of South Federal Boulevard, striking 14-year-old Nhan Nguyen and Jessie Aguirre as they were walking home from school.

Maul is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, tomorrow, February 2, 2007 at 9 a.m. to be advised of the charges. The presumptive range for sentencing on a class 3 felony is up to 12 years in prison.

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***18-3-106. Vehicular homicide.**

(1) (a) If a person operates or drives a motor vehicle in a reckless manner, and such conduct is the proximate cause of the death of another, such person commits vehicular homicide.

(b) (I) If a person operates or drives a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or one or more drugs, or a combination of both alcohol and one or more drugs, and such conduct is the proximate cause of the death of another, such person commits vehicular homicide. This is a strict liability crime.

(II) For the purposes of this subsection (1), one or more drugs shall mean all substances defined as a drug in section 12-22-303 (13), C.R.S., and all controlled substances defined in section 12-22-303 (7), C.R.S., and glue-sniffing, aerosol inhalation, or the inhalation of any other toxic vapor or vapors as defined in section 18-18-412.

(III) The fact that any person charged with a violation of this subsection (1) is or has been entitled to use one or more drugs under the laws of this state shall not constitute a defense against any charge of violating this subsection (1).

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