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TEEN CHARGED IN STABBING CASE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has charged a teenager as an adult in connection with the May 20, 2007 stabbing death of 20-year-old Juan Lera-Gonzales.

Elias Ramirez (dob: 08-11-91) is charged with *second-degree murder* (F2) and *first-degree assault* (F3).

The charges allege that Ramirez and the victim were involved in an argument in a parking lot in the 1100 block of South Quivas Street when Ramirez stabbed the victim. Ramirez was identified as the suspect by Denver police detectives and surrendered to police on May 30, 2007. He was originally charged as a juvenile with first-degree murder; further review led to re-filing the case directly into Denver District Court charging Ramirez as an adult.

Ramirez remains in custody in the Denver County Jail. His bond is set at \$50,000. He is scheduled to be formally advised of the charges in Denver District Courtroom 23 tomorrow, June 20, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.