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MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER IN NEW YEAR'S DAY SHOOTING

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a 25-year-old man in connection with the shooting deaths of two people early on New Year's Day.

Pedro Cortez (dob: 02-16-82) is charged with two counts of *first-degree murder- extreme indifference*, (F1), *possession of a weapon by a previous offender* (F6) and *illegal discharge of a firearm* (F5).

The charges allege that about 12:25 a.m. on January 1, 2008, Cortez fired a gun in the direction of a home at 4708 W. 11th Avenue. 47-year-old Rebecca Yanez and 11-year-old Angelica Martinez were killed.

Cortez remains in custody in the Denver County Jail where he is being held without bond. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court on Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 9 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.