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ONE MAN CHARGED IN GAMBLING RING, 15 OTHERS CITED

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man in connection with operating a gambling ring from a Denver home and has charged 15 others with various misdemeanors in association with the gambling organization.

Eric Richard Hall (DOB: 02-14-71) has been charged with *engaging in professional gambling* (F5) and *maintaining gambling premises* (F6).

On January 11, 2008, several members of the Denver Police Department Vice/Narcotics Bureau, with the assistance of the Metro/Swat Unit, executed a search warrant in the West 3200 block of 19th Avenue in Denver as part of an illegal professional gambling investigation. The charges allege that Hall established and was operating an illegal gambling practice and that 15 others were illegally participating in Texas Hold 'Em poker games.

Hall is currently released from the Denver County Jail after posting a \$3,000 bond. His second advisement is scheduled for January 25, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., in Denver County Courtroom 12T.

The 15 others who were cited are scheduled for their arraignments on various dates in February, 2008.

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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