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TWO CHARGED IN DECEMBER STABBING MURDER

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged two men with the murder of a 40-year-old man nearly three weeks ago.

Eric Candelaria (dob: 09-08-89) and **Matthew Guevara** (dob: 04-17-89) are each charged with one count of first-degree murder (F1) in connection with the death of Jerry Baca.

Baca's body was found on December 17, 2008 in the 1400 block of Wolff Street; he had been stabbed to death. The investigation into the murder by the Denver Police Department led to the arrest of both Candelaria and Guevara. The charges allege Baca was murdered following an earlier argument.

Candelaria and Guevara remain in custody in the Denver County Jail where they are being held without bond. They are scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, on January 7, 2009 at 9 a.m. to be advised of the charges.

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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