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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **WOMAN CHARGED IN PHONY TAX RETURN CASE**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a 23-year-old woman from Bulgaria who is accused of filing phony federal and state tax returns and unlawfully receiving thousands of dollars in refund money.

**Stela Georgieva** (dob: 07-11-85) is charged with *theft* (F3) and two counts of *computer crime* (F3 and F4).

The charges allege that Georgieva filed federal and state individual income tax returns using fraudulent information that resulted in refunds being generated from unauthorized credits, excess withholdings and overstated deductions being taken on the returns. A Colorado state tax refund of \$4,800 and a federal tax refund of \$24,000, were generated, which were deposited into her bank account.

Georgieva is being held in custody in Chicago on the Denver arrest warrant related to this case.

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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*