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WOMAN CHARGED IN VEHICLE THEFT AND ASSAULT OF OWNER

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a 26-year-old woman in connection with the theft of a vehicle that left the owner in critical condition.

Kim Lucero (dob: 06-30-83) has been charged today with one count of *attempted first-degree murder, extreme indifference* (F2), one count of *first-degree assault, extreme indifference* (F3), one count of *first-degree assault with intent to cause serious bodily injury* (F3), one count of *aggravated motor vehicle theft used in the commission of a crime* (F4), and one count of *aggravated motor vehicle theft resulting in bodily injury* (F4).

The charges allege that on August 12, 2009, outside of a restaurant at 303 S. Broadway, Lucero entered an unlocked vehicle with the keys inside while the owner was inside the restaurant. The owner tried to prevent the car from being stolen by jumping on the hood of the car. As the car sped away on Broadway, several witnesses gave chase and observed the car traveling recklessly at a high rate of speed with the victim still on the hood.

Lucero was later arrested in Wyoming where she remains in custody on unrelated traffic violations. As part of the extradition process, an at-large warrant for her arrest warrant has been issued and the formal charges have been filed. No Denver court date has been set.

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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