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MAN CHARGED IN CRASH WITH KIDS

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of fleeing from police and causing a crash that injured his children.

Javier Arenazas (dob: 07-14-89) is charged with two counts of *vehicular assault* (F4), two counts of *child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury* (F4), two counts of *eluding with bodily injury* (F5), *leaving the scene of an accident causing serious bodily injury* (F5), two counts of *possession of a weapon by a previous offender* (F6) and *DUI* (M).

The charges allege that Arenazas fled from a Denver police officer who was attempting a traffic stop, and crashed his vehicle into the median on I-70 near Colorado Boulevard. He was taken into custody after a foot chase. The charges further allege that Arenazas had been drinking and that two young children were seriously injured in the crash. According to the arrest affidavit, a stolen shotgun was recovered from the vehicle.

Arenazas remains in custody in the Denver County Jail; his bond is set at \$75,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 472W, on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 1:30 p.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

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