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DA CLEARS HOMEOWNER IN SHOOTING

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has completed his review of a fatal shooting that occurred May 24, 2010 at 3150 Gaylord Street. The conclusion is that no criminal charges will be filed against the homeowner who shot and killed a juvenile who had broken into the home.

Upon reviewing all of the available information and evidence, the conclusion is that the homeowner was defending himself against multiple unknown intruders, one of whom was armed with a loaded handgun. The homeowner fired his weapon, killing the armed juvenile intruder.

The decision that no criminal charges are fileable against the homeowner is the result of a thorough review of all of the facts of this case, examined with applicable statutes.

Colorado's self-defense statutes include –

[18-1-704. Use of physical force in defense of a person.](#)

Colorado Revised Statutes

[18-1-704.5. Use of deadly physical force against an intruder.](#)

Colorado Revised Statutes

[18-1-705. Use of physical force in defense of premises.](#)

Colorado Revised Statutes

[18-1-706. Use of physical force in defense of property.](#)

Colorado Revised Statutes

Criminal charges have been filed against two other intruders; they have been charged as juveniles with burglary. Both cases are still pending.

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