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TEEN CHARGED IN STABBING CASE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has charged a juvenile as an adult in connection with the January 3, 2010 stabbing death of 25-year-old Eloy Duran III.

Jovani Muniz (dob: 05-06-93) is charged with *first-degree murder* (F1).

The charge alleges that during the early morning hours of January 3, 2010, **Muniz** was involved in an argument outside a party in the 400 block of Utica Street when he stabbed the victim and fled the scene. Officers found the victim in critical condition and an ambulance transported him to Denver Health Medical Center, where he was later pronounced dead. **Muniz** was taken into custody after his vehicle was found at the scene. He was originally charged as a juvenile with first-degree murder; further review led to re-filing the case directly into Denver District Court charging **Muniz** as an adult.

Muniz is currently being held without bond in the Denver County Jail. He is scheduled to appear January 22, 2010, in Denver District Courtroom 12 at 8:30 a.m.

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