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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN CHARGED IN THEFT THROUGH USE OF DNA**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused in a car theft case that is the result of using DNA.

**Shad Reimer** (DOB: 11-07-1980) is charged with *theft* (F4) and *first-degree trespassing* (F5).

The charges allege that in the early morning hours of December 21, 2009, Reimer broke into a disabled vehicle that had been left near I-25 and 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue and removed stereo equipment valued at nearly \$2,000. Denver Police detectives gathered evidence that included blood found inside the car.

Last month, detectives received confirmation that the DNA profile from the case matched a profile in the CODIS database. Reimer was identified as the suspect and was taken into custody July 6, 2010. He remains in custody in the Denver Detention Center and is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 July 14, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.

Since 2005, the Burglary DNA Project, an on-going collaborative project with the Denver Police Department, has lead to a significant decrease in property theft.

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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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