



## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **TWO CHARGED IN STRING OF BURGLARIES**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged two people in connection with a series of burglaries that occurred in Denver this summer. The charges are the result of work by the Denver Police Department's Pattern Crimes Unit.

**Zakee Toliver** (dob: 08-31-90) is charged with one count of *first-degree burglary* (F3), six counts of *second-degree burglary* (F3), one count of *first-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft* (F4) and a *pawnbroker's act violation* (F6).

The charges allege that during July and August, Toliver unlawfully entered seven homes in the northeast Denver area, taking items of value such as electronics and a victim's car. The charges further allege that, in one instance, Toliver brandished a knife at a victim during the alleged burglary.

A second suspect, a 17-year-old juvenile, may also face charges in connection with the burglaries.

**Toliver** remains in custody of the Denver Detention Center. He is scheduled to appear in Denver Country Courtroom 2100 at 10:30 a.m. on August 26, 2010, to be formally 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*