



NEWS RELEASE

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TWO CHARGED IN MEDICAL MARIJUANA FORGERY

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man and a woman accused of forging medical marijuana doctor referral forms and selling marijuana.

Stefan Zittel (dob: 01-09-90) and **Faith Shirley** (dob: 02-05-92) are charged with forgery (F5), attempt to influence a public servant (F4), distribution/sale of marijuana (F4), and conspiracy to distribute marijuana (F4).

In late May 2010, the Denver Police Department began an investigation into a Craigslist ad that offered medical marijuana doctor referral forms. The charges filed today allege that Zittel and Shirley sold forged forms and conspired in the illegal sale of marijuana.

Shirley remains in the custody of the Denver Detention Center; her bond is set at \$5,000. She is scheduled to be formally advised of the charges on June 25, 2010, at 10:30am in Denver County Courtroom 472W.

Zittel has been released from custody on \$5,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 472W, on June 25, 2010, at 1:30 pm.

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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