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TWO CHARGED WITH GETTING 9-YEAR-OLD DRUNK

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged two teenagers with giving a young boy repeated shots of vodka that made him seriously ill.

Skyler Dematteo (dob: 09-30-92) and **Tyrale Haselrig-Graham** (dob: 03-18-92) are facing charges of child abuse causing serious bodily injury (F3), contributing to the delinquency of a minor (F4) and providing alcohol to a minor (M1). The charges against Haselrig-Graham were filed today; the charges against Dematteo were filed earlier and did not include the child abuse charge, which will be added.

The charges allege that on December 31, 2010, Dematteo and Haselrig-Graham were at the victim's home while the victim's mother was away and repeatedly gave the child shots of vodka as the two teens were drinking. When the victim's mother returned home, she immediately called for help; the victim was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Dematteo has been released from custody on a \$10,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on February 15, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. for a preliminary hearing. Haselrig-Graham remains in custody in the Denver Detention Center; his bond is set at \$5,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on January 27, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. 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

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