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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a 25-year-old man in connection with the murder of a 73-year-old Denver resident that occurred on April 13, 2011.

**William Lornes** (dob: 05-06-86) is charged with *first-degree murder* (F1) and *felony murder* (F1) in the death of Gerald Schwartzman.

The charges filed today allege that Lornes confronted the victim in a grocery store parking lot at about 1 p.m. on April 13<sup>th</sup> and later killed him and left his body in a dumpster in the 1200 block of Hudson Street. The victim's car was found abandoned in the 600 block of South Holly Street.

Lornes was charged earlier with *second-degree kidnapping* (F2), *aggravated robbery* (F3) and *possession of a weapon by a previous offender* (F6) in connection with an alleged carjacking and kidnapping at the Cherry Creek Mall that took place on April 13, 2011.

Lornes, who remains in custody in the Jefferson County Jail, is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on May 12, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. for advisement on the kidnapping and robbery charges and in Denver District Courtroom 5H at 1 p.m. for advisement on the murder 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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