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MAN CHARGED IN MURDER OUTSIDE NIGHT CLUB

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused in the shooting death of a 34-year-old man outside the Dandy Dan's club at 214 South Federal Boulevard earlier this month.

Benjamin Lucero (dob: 05-13-88) is charged with one count of *first-degree murder* (F1).

On February 8, 2011, the Denver Police Department responded to the club on south Federal Boulevard on a report of a man with gunshot wounds. The victim, who was identified as 34-year-old George Lopez, was transported to a local hospital but did not survive. Denver police detectives were able to identify Lucero as a suspect, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. He remained at large until February 17, 2011 when he was located in Thornton and taken into custody without incident.

Lucero remains in custody in the Denver Detention Center where he is being held without bond. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on March 1, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. to be formally advised of the charge.

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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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