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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **TWO CHARGED IN BIAS MOTIVATED ASSAULT**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged two young men from Arvada in connection with a bias-motivated assault that occurred two weeks ago.

**Joseph Murphy** (dob: 06-02-93) and **Zachary Kocman** (dob: 05-15-92) are each charged with one count of *bias-motivated crime* (F4) and one count of *third-degree assault* (M1).

On July 18, 2011 at about 2:30 p.m., the 25-year-old victim and a friend were walking in the area of 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Federal Boulevard. The charges allege Murphy and Kocman drove by yelling sexual orientation slurs and then got out of their vehicle and chased the victim for several blocks before physically assaulting him.

Murphy and Kocman have been released from custody on a \$3,000 bond. They are scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on August 9, 2011 at 1:30 p.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