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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN CHARGED IN SERIES OF AURARIA BREAK-INS**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man with multiple burglary and theft counts in connection a summer-long series of break-ins on the Auraria college campus.

**Cassidy Vandermeulen** (dob: 04-11-81) is charged with 25 counts of *burglary* (F4), 25 counts of *theft* (F4), *possession of burglary tools* (F5) and *possession of a controlled substance* (F6).

A general contractor reported a break-in on July 5, 2011 in which numerous items were stolen, including a master key to Auraria campus buildings and offices. This started a series of burglaries in which there was no forced entry and item such as laptops, textbooks and other electronics were stolen.

On September 21, 2011, an alert campus bookstore employee noted a suspicious party selling textbooks. Further investigation by the Auraria Campus Police Department identified Vandermeulen as a suspect and he was arrested without incident on September 24, 2011.

Vandermeulen remains in custody in the Denver Detention Center; his bond is set at \$25,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on October 7, 2011 at 9:30 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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