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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **CHARGES FILED IN FATAL HIT-RUN CRASH**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged two people in connection with a fatal crash on January 22, 2011 that killed 21-year-old Jose Medina, and charges against two others will be filed next week.

**Norma Vera-Nolasco** (dob: 06-28-79) was charged late yesterday with leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death (F3), two counts of vehicular homicide (F3, F4) and criminal impersonation (F6). She was arrested in Phoenix, has waived extradition, and is expected to be returned to Denver within the next two weeks. A court date will be set at that time.

**Eliu Montes-Garcia** (dob: 09-13-92) is charged with leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death (F3), vehicular homicide (F4) and two counts of accessory to crime (F5). He remains in custody; his bond is set at \$150,000. He will appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.

**Yolanda Bastida-Nolasco** (dob: 03-10-67) will be charged Monday with two counts of accessory to crime (F5) and criminal impersonation (F6). She remains in custody; bond is set at \$20,000.

**Guadalupe Bastida** (dob: 11-12-62) will be charged Monday with two counts of accessory to crime (F5). He remains in custody; bond is set at \$7,500.

The charges allege that on January 22, 2011, Vera-Nolasco was driving drunk when she ran into the victim at 9<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln and then fled the scene. The charges further allege that Montes-Garcia, Bastida-Nolasco and Bastida destroyed evidence, helped hide the vehicle and helped Vera-Nolasco flee the state.

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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