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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN CHARGED IN DOG STABBING**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of stabbing a puppy earlier this week, causing serious injuries.

**Matthew D. Weatherspoon** (dob: 06-21-92) is charged with one count of *aggravated cruelty to animals*, a class 6 felony.

The charge alleges that on June 27, 2011, at about 2:30 a.m., Weatherspoon stabbed the puppy several times in head and face, and then put the dog outside. The puppy was found by a passerby who called police. Weatherspoon was taken into custody without incident a short time later.

He remains in custody in the Denver Detention Center; his bond is set at \$2,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on July 6, 2011 at 9:30 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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