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MAN CHARGED IN HIT/RUN CRASH THAT INJURED COUPLE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a 22-year-old man who is accused of causing a crash and then fleeing the scene last Saturday. The collision left an elderly couple badly injured.

Jesus Armenta (dob: 08-27-89) is charged with two counts of *vehicular assault* (F5), two counts of *leaving the scene of an accident resulting in serious bodily injury* (F5), and *third-degree assault* (M1).

The charges allege that on February 11, 2012, Armenta was traveling southbound on Federal Boulevard at a high rate of speed and collided with a Dodge Neon at about Alameda Avenue. The collision caused the Neon to cross into the northbound lanes of Federal where it was struck by another vehicle. The driver of the Neon and his wife were both seriously injured.

Denver police were able to identify Armenta as a suspect a short time later and he was taken into custody without incident. He remains in custody in the Denver Detention Center; his bond is set at \$50,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on February 16, 2012, 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