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TWO MEN CHARGED IN FAKE ATTORNEY CASE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of posing as a lawyer in a Denver criminal case; the man's "client" has also been charged. The charges were filed May 22, 2012, and both men appeared in court today for their second advisement.

Robert Black (dob: 05-24-84) was charged with *attempt to influence a public servant* (F4) and *criminal impersonation* (F6). **Brandon Vance** (dob: 11-12-79) was charged with *conspiracy to influence a public servant* (F5).

The charges allege that Black appeared in Denver County Court on May 3, 2012 and falsely claimed to be an attorney representing Vance. Vance had been charged with assault and disturbing the peace in November, 2011. The investigation into Black's claim began when the Court tried to reach him later that day through the attorney registration number he provided. It was discovered that the registered attorney was not Black.

Black was arrested on May 18, 2012 when he returned to Denver County Court to appear on the original case. Both Vance and Black have been released from custody on \$5,000 bond. They are scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on June 19, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. for a preliminary hearing.

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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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