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WOMAN CHARGED WITH TAMPERING

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a woman accused of hiding the gun used in a shooting that injured an 8-year-old boy earlier this spring.

Marina Pena (dob: 2-16-91) is charged today with *tampering with physical evidence* (F6) and *possession of a weapon by previous offender* (F6).

On April 29, 2013, gunshots were fired at a car that was traveling northbound on S. Knox Court, injuring an 8-year-old victim who was a passenger in the backseat of the car.

Paul Lovato (dob: 12-03-91) was charged on June 17, 2013 with six counts of *criminal attempt to commit murder in the first degree* (F2), *assault in the first degree* (F3) and *illegal discharge of a firearm* (F5).

The charges allege that Lovato fired the shots that injured the boy and that Pena, his girlfriend, later had possession of the gun at her house during the police investigation.

Pena has been released from custody on a \$2,000 bond. She is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on July 30, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. for her second advisement. Lovato remains in custody and is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on July 30, 2013, 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*