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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN FATAL HIT AND RUN**

A man charged in connection with a fatal hit and run that occurred on April 10, 2014, killing an airman from Buckley Air Force Base, has pleaded guilty in the case.

**William Pettapiece** (dob: 10-07-81) pleaded guilty on Friday to one count each of *vehicular homicide* (F3) and *leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death* (F3).

Pettapiece was driving eastbound on Alameda Avenue last April when he struck the rear end of a motorcycle also travelling eastbound. As a result of the impact, the victim was thrown from the motorcycle. The victim, 23-year-old Michael Snyder, did not survive.

Pettapiece faces up to 24 years in prison when he is sentenced in Denver District Courtroom 5H on November 14, 2014, at 8:30 a.m.

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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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