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MAN CHARGED IN FATAL HIT AND RUN

District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man in connection with a fatal hit and run that occurred on April 10, 2014, killing an airman from Buckley Air Force Base.

William Pettapiece (dob: 10-07-81) is charged with one count each of *vehicular homicide* (F3), *leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death* (F3) and one count of *driving under the influence* (M).

The charges allege that Pettapiece was driving eastbound on Alameda Ave and 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 has been released from custody on a \$50,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Denver District Courtroom 2100 at 1:30 pm on April 25, 2014, for his second advisement.

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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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