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TWO WOMEN CHARGED IN SEPARATE HIT/RUN CASES

District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged two women today in connection with separate hit and run incidents that occurred last week.

Nicole Alvarez (dob: 09-22-85) is charged with one count each of *leaving the scene of an accident resulting in serious bodily injury* (F4) and *vehicular assault* (F5). The charges allege that on March 14, 2014, Alvarez was driving westbound on W. Quincy Avenue at S. Newton Street when she crossed the double yellow center line and struck a motorcyclist head on. She allegedly failed to stop at the scene and then crashed into two more vehicles before being taken into custody.

Alvarez is out on \$50,000 bond. She is scheduled to appear in Denver District Courtroom 2100 on May 2, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. for second advisement.

Darlene Powell (dob: 01-17-56) is charged with one count each of *leaving the scene of an accident resulting in serious bodily injury* (F4) *vehicular assault* (F5), *DUI* (M), and *no proof of insurance* (T1). The charges allege that on March 14, 2014, Powell was in a vehicle facing westbound on East Northfield Boulevard, near the Northfield Mall, when she backed up, struck a pedestrian in the crosswalk, and then fled the scene.

Powell remains in custody; her bond is set at \$50,000 bond. She is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on March 24, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.

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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