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CHARGES FILED IN MOTORCYCLE HIT AND RUN

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a motorcyclist accused of a hit and run traffic collision earlier this year in which he hit another vehicle and injured another motorcyclist.

Chad Copeland (dob: 08-25-89) is charged with *vehicular assault* (F5), *leaving the scene of an accident resulting in serious bodily injury* (F4).

The charges allege that on January 25, 2015, Copeland was driving a motorcycle northbound in the 800 block of North Federal Boulevard when he accelerated and tried to pass traffic in the median. He is accused of running into a truck that was stopped at a light, and then losing control and hitting another motorcycle rider, resulting in serious injuries. The charges further allege that Copeland left the scene in another vehicle without contacting the police.

Copeland was arrested and released from custody on a \$50,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on Friday, April 13, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.

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