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MAN CHARGED IN FATAL CRASH

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man in connection with a fatal hit-and-run last Monday.

Ricardo Gardea (11-04-89) has been charged with *first-degree murder* (F1), *second-degree burglary* (F3), two counts of *vehicular homicide* (F3 and F4), four counts of *leaving the scene of an accident* (F3, F4, T2), two counts of *vehicular assault* (F4 and F5), and two counts of *duty upon striking an unattended vehicle* (T2).

The charges allege that in the early morning hours of August 3, 2015, near West 44th Avenue and Federal Boulevard, Gardea was driving while under the influence of marijuana and alcohol when he caused a fatal crash resulting in the death of 21-year-old Sebastian Evridge. He then fled the scene of the crash and was arrested nearby a short time later.

Gardea remains in custody and is being held without bond. His next court date has not been set.

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