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MAN AND WOMAN CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING, ROBBERY AFTER BEING CAUGHT IN A DRIVE THROUGH LANE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man and woman accused of kidnapping and robbing two men at gunpoint last week.

Ivan Lopez-Banuelos (05-11-93) and **Alese Sylva** (04-27-87) are each charged with two counts of *robbery* (F4), two counts of *second-degree kidnapping* (F2), and two counts of *motor vehicle theft in the first-degree* (F5). Lopez-Banuelos is also charged with three counts of *possession of a weapon by a previous offender* (F6).

On August 7, 2015, the two victims offered Sylva a ride home from a club in Denver. When they tried to drop her off in the 500 block alley between Elliot and Federal, another man approached the car with a gun. The charges allege that Lopez-Banuelos and Sylva then forced the victims to withdraw money from an ATM and then fled in their car.

Lopez-Banuelos and Sylva were apprehended a short time later when the stolen car was spotted in a drive-through lane at a fast food restaurant.

Lopez-Banuelos and Sylva remain in custody. Lopez-Banuelos' bond is set at \$200,000 and Sylva's bond is set at \$100,000. Both are scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on August, 14, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. for their second advisement.

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