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MAN CHARGED IN HASH OIL EXPLOSION

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a 22-year-old man with multiple arson counts, following a hash oil explosion in northeast Denver in May.

Nicholas Castro (dob: 01-05-94) is charged with manufacture of marijuana concentrate (DF3), one count of first-degree arson (F3), and seven counts of fourth-degree arson (F4).

The charges allege that Castro caused an explosion at an apartment complex in the 4300 block of South Quebec Street on May 12, 2016, while illegally using butane to extract hash oil. The explosion caused significant damage to the apartment building.

Castro was arrested on June 21, 2016, and has been released from custody on a \$5,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on July 22, 2016, at 8:00 a.m., to be formally advised of the charges.

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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