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MAN INVOLVED IN POLICE SHOOTING CHARGED WITH ESCAPE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man facing murder and other felony charges with escape. He is accused of trying to flee from custody while at Denver Health Medical Center last week.

Darius E. Ratcliff (dob: 08-01-96) is charged with *escape from pending felony* (F4).

Ratcliff is being held without bond in connection with a November 2015 shooting that left one dead and several injured in the 100 block of Bannock Avenue. He is also facing numerous other felony counts in connection with an officer-involved shooting on July 31, 2016, a shooting in September 2015 in the 3300 block of Colorado Boulevard and a burglary in June 2016 at a marijuana dispensary.

The new escape charge alleges that on September 23, 2016, Ratcliff fled from police as he was being escorted into Denver Health Medical Center. He was captured a few seconds later. He will remain in custody and an additional bond amount will be set.

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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