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MAN CHARGED IN FATAL HIT & RUN

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally charged a man in connection with the fatal hit and run death of another man.

Adrian Valdez-Refugio (dob: 08-07-1997) is charged with one count of *vehicular homicide—DUI* (F3), one count of *vehicular homicide—reckless driving* (F4), one count of *leaving the scene of an accident involving death* (F4), one count of *leaving the scene of an accident involving injury* (T1), one count of *failing to report accident to police* (T2), and one count of *failure to obey a traffic control device* (T1A). He was arrested on September 17 and the charges were filed yesterday.

The charges allege that early in the morning of September 17, 2017, the defendant was involved in a two-car crash at the location of E. 14th Avenue and Franklin Street, resulting in injury to the Uber driver of the other vehicle, and death to the passenger in that vehicle. The deceased victim has not yet been publicly identified. The defendant fled the scene of the accident on foot and was arrested later at a separate location. Upon contact, the defendant allegedly exhibited indicia of impairment. Subsequent investigation determined the defendant to be at-fault.

Valdez-Refugio is scheduled to appear for 2nd advisement on September 22, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. in County courtroom 2100.