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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **CHARGE FILED IN RTD SECURITY GUARD MURDER**

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally charged a man accused of shooting and killing a contract RTD contract security officer Tuesday night.

**Joshua Cummings** (dob: 05-05-1979) is charged with one count of *first-degree murder* (F1).

The charge alleges that on January 31, 2017, Cummings shot and killed 56-year-old Scott Von Lanken near the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> and Wynkoop in downtown Denver.

Cummings was taken into custody a short time later without incident and is being held without bond in the Denver Detention Center. He appeared in Denver District Courtroom 5D on Friday, February 3 for his advisement hearing. A preliminary hearing has been scheduled for Friday, March 3 at 1:30 in Denver District Courtroom 5B.

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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*