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MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER IN ALTERCATION

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally charged a man in connection with the death of another in an alleged altercation between the man and his mother's boyfriend at a get-together.

Elizario Herrera (dob: 04-15-1985) is charged with *murder in the first degree* (F1). The charge was direct-filed today in Denver District Court. Herrera was arrested July 14, 2017.

The charge alleges that on the night of July 11, 2017, Herrera and the victim, 55-year-old Michael Lanford, got into an altercation with each other at a gathering at a home in the 4000 block of N. Shoshone Street. The victim appeared to have been struck with a sharp instrument, left the backyard of the home, bleeding heavily, and died on the sidewalk a few doors down the street.

Herrera is being held without bond in Denver city jail. His next court appearance date has not yet been scheduled.

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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