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**MAN CHARGED IN ALLEGED RESIDENTIAL HOMICIDE AND THEFT**

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally charged a man in connection with the death of a woman in her home.

**Esstefan Hamlin** (dob: 12-20-1992) is charged with two counts of *murder in the first degree* (F1), two counts of *burglary* (F3), one count of *first degree criminal trespass* (F5), and one count of *aggravated motor vehicle theft in the second degree* (F6). Hamlin was arrested August 1, 2017, and charges were direct-filed in Denver District Court yesterday.

Hamlin is accused of killing the victim, 28-year-old Cristina Weir, in her apartment in the 500 block of 25<sup>th</sup> Street sometime between July 30 and July 31, 2017, in connection with an alleged burglary and subsequent motor vehicle theft. An acquaintance of Ms. Weir went to conduct a welfare check on her at her apartment on July 31 following her absence from work, and discovered Ms. Weir on the hallway floor, with “blood everywhere.” The Denver Medical Examiner’s office later identified multiple sharp-forced injuries on the body of the victim.

Hamlin is also charged with stealing Ms. Weir’s car. Hamlin’s mother had called police on July 31 to report that her son had a history of stealing cars and she wanted to make sure the car the defendant was driving was not stolen. The car was later determined to be owned by the victim.

Hamlin is being held without bond in Denver city jail. His first District Court appearance has not yet been scheduled.