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TWO CHARGED WITH DOUBLE KIDNAP/ROBBERY OF SAME MARIJUANA STORE; TWO OTHERS CHARGED IN ONE OF THE ROBBERIES

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally charged two men for the July and August robberies and kidnap of employees and customers of the same marijuana dispensary store, and charged two more in connection with one of the robberies.

Tayone Givens (dob: 09-19-1996), **Thomas Wilson** (dob: 12-14-1994) are each charged with two counts of *second degree kidnapping* (F2), two counts of *aggravated robbery* (F3), and two counts of *crime of violence* (sentence enhancers) in connection with the July robbery. The charges were filed October 20.

The charges allege that on July 28, 2017, Givens and Wilson robbed at gunpoint employees of the Green Dragon marijuana dispensary store in the 5100 block of E. Colfax, taking cash and marijuana products.

Givens and Wilson were previously charged with one count of *aggravated robbery-controlled substance* (F2), and two counts of *first degree kidnapping* (F2) in connection with the August robbery of the same store. Two other defendants, **Myles Stephens** (dob: 03-11-1989) and **Marrell Jones** (dob: 10-31-1991), are similarly charged in connection with the August robbery. Charges against all four for the August robbery were filed August 18.

The charges related to that robbery allege that on August 14, 2017, the defendants robbed at gunpoint employees of the Green Dragon, taking cash, marijuana products, and one victim's backpack. A GPS tracker that was taken with the money enabled Denver police to apprehend the suspects.

Jones is scheduled to appear on October 30, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. in courtroom 2100 for a preliminary/disposition hearing regarding the August robbery charges (**17CR05757**).

Wilson is scheduled to appear on November 6, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. in courtroom 2100 for a preliminary/disposition hearing regarding the August robbery charges (**17CR05755**), and at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 2300 for 2nd advisement regarding the July robbery charges (**17CR07542**).

Givens is scheduled to appear on November 13, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. in courtroom 2100 for preliminary/disposition hearings in both cases (July robbery charges, **17CR07468**, and August robbery charges, **17CR05754**).

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Stephens is scheduled to appear on December 4, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. in courtroom 2100 for a preliminary/disposition hearing regarding the August robbery charges (**17CR05753**).

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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