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MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER IN SW DENVER DEATH

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally charged a man who confessed to the killing of another man in southwest Denver last Saturday.

Joe Pinheiro (dob: 03-18-1959) is charged with *murder in the first degree* (F1). The charge was direct-filed in Denver District Court yesterday.

On July 29, 2017, Pinheiro allegedly shot and killed 50-year-old Philip Malindowski at a residence in the 3200 block of W. Saratoga Avenue. Pinheiro apparently subsequently walked into the Sheridan Police Department on S. Federal Boulevard and stated he had killed Mr. Malindowski and that his body would be found in the basement of that location. Denver Police were dispatched to the Saratoga residence on a welfare check of a potential homicide victim, made entry, and located the victim in the basement, with a gunshot wound to the chest. Two firearms were recovered from the defendant.

Pinheiro is in custody in Denver city jail. His first appearance in Denver District Court 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