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MAN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER OF PEACE OFFICERS

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally charged a man in connection with a shootout with Commerce City Police Officers in Denver on February 21, 2017.

Isaac Lesperance-Torres (dob: 11-10-1972) is charged with three counts of *criminal attempt to commit murder in the first degree-peace officer* (F2) and two counts of *possession of a weapon by a previous offender* (F6). The charges were filed yesterday.

The charges allege that in the early morning hours of February 21, 2017, Lesperance-Torres, wearing ballistic body armor, fired multiple shots at Commerce City officers. Commerce City Police had observed a vehicle at the rear of a Romantix Store in the 4800 block of Pontiac Street, in Commerce City. In conducting a computer check on the vehicle, police discovered Lesperance-Torres was wanted on two outstanding felony arrest warrants and were attempting to apprehend Lesperance-Torres after he left the store when he opened fire upon being discovered hiding and refusing to surrender near a warehouse building at 7203 E. 47th Avenue, in Denver.

Lesperance-Torres is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on March 2, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. for 2nd advisement and a preliminary hearing is scheduled March 22 at 8:00 a.m. Bond is set at \$100,000. The defendant is in custody in Denver city jail.