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## ***NEWS RELEASE –***

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### **CHARGES FILED IN SCHOOL BUS CRASH**

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has filed charges against a man accused of crashing a vehicle into a Denver Public Schools bus last Thursday.

**Louis Ortiz** (dob: 12-15-1970) is charged with one count of *vehicular eluding* (F4), one count of *vehicular assault* (F5) and one count of *reckless driving* (T2). Charges were filed today.

The charges allege that on the afternoon of April 13, 2017, Ortiz disregarded a stop sign at N. Tejon Street and W. 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue and crashed into a school bus, injuring occupants in both the school bus and the suspect vehicle. Ortiz was arrested and transported to Denver Health Medical Center. Police had observed a green Jeep Grand Cherokee in the immediate area, being driven by Ortiz, as the same vehicle that eluded them on March 30. A marked patrol car began to follow the suspect vehicle, which then ran the stop sign, hitting the bus.

Ortiz is currently in custody in Denver city jail, and is scheduled to appear in Denver County courtroom 2100 on April 20, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. for 2<sup>nd</sup> advisement.

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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