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MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER ON LODO STORE PORCH

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally charged a man with murder in the alleged stabbing death of another in LoDo on Monday.

Raoul Lanius (dob: 02-03-1964) is charged with *murder in the first degree* (F1). The charge was direct-filed today in Denver District Court.

The charge alleges that on July 31, 2017, just after midnight, Lanius stabbed 35-year-old Marlon Casanova 14 times, resulting in Mr. Casanova's death. The defendant claims the two men were engaged in a dispute over a store porch near 15th and Wynkoop Streets that Lanius and a companion were intending to sleep at overnight. Following the stabbing, Lanius flagged down a couple walking nearby and asked them to call 911. Lanius was arrested and when interviewed by police, confessed to the stabbing death, claiming self-defense.

Lanius is in custody in the Denver city jail. His next court date 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