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**WOMAN CHARGED IN FATAL FEDERAL BLVD CRASH**

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally charged a woman accused of causing the death of another woman in a two-vehicle crash on S. Federal Boulevard last week.

**Ernestina Rosendo-Ponce** (dob: 11-12-1977) is charged with one count of *vehicular homicide* (F3), one count of *vehicular homicide* (F4), one count of *vehicular assault* (F4), one count of *vehicular assault* (F5) and one count of *leaving the scene of an accident* (F3).

The charges allege that on January 29, 2017, Rosendo-Ponce was the driver of a green Cadillac sedan which crashed into another vehicle at the intersection of S. Federal Boulevard and Kentucky Street. The crash resulted in serious injuries to the driver of the second vehicle and the death of the second vehicle's passenger, Shuvonne Wickard, age 37. It is alleged Rosendo-Ponce was drinking prior to the crash and was participating in an exhibition of speed (drag race) at the time of the incident.

Bond has been set at \$50,000 and Rosendo-Ponce is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on February 8, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. for second 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