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MEN CHARGED IN ROBBERY & SHOOTING DEATH NEAR RAIL STATION

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally charged two men in connection with the shooting death of another man near a west Denver light rail station on February 7, 2017.

Ever Valles (dob: 05-07-1997) is charged with one count of *murder in the first degree-robbery* (F1), one count of *murder in the first degree-kidnapping* (F1), one count of *second degree kidnapping* (F2), one count of *second degree kidnapping-gun* (F3), and four counts of *aggravated robbery-gun* (F3).

Nathan Valdez (dob: 01-07-1998) is charged with one count of *murder in the first degree* (F1), one count of *murder in the first degree-robbery* (F1), one count of *murder in the first degree-kidnapping* (F1), one count of *second degree kidnapping* (F2), one count of *second degree kidnapping-gun* (F3), and two counts of *aggravated robbery-gun* (F3).

Valles and Valdez are alleged to have robbed the victim, 32-year-old Tim Cruz, at gunpoint at approximately 1:00 a.m. on February 7, 2017, near the RTD Light Rail Station at 12th and Sheridan. Mr. Cruz was subsequently shot and killed. Denver Police issued a Crime Stoppers Bulletin with an image of the two suspects taken from an RTD video surveillance camera at the light rail station, requesting the public's assistance in their search for the two. Following a tip received from an unidentified person, Denver Police arrested Valles on February 8 on a parole violation warrant. Valdez was arrested by police on February 10.

Both cases were direct filed yesterday into Denver District Court. Valles and Valdez are scheduled to appear in Denver District Courtroom 5D on February 21, 2017, at 1:15 p.m. for 1st advisement.