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MAN CHARGED IN CHRISTMAS DAY HOMICIDE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of killing a 21-year-old woman and attempted murder of a 20-year-old man on the 1400 block of N. Pearl St.

Marshall Westcott (dob: 1/17/93) has been charged with one count of *first-degree murder* (F1) and one count of *criminal attempt of first-degree murder* (F2).

The charges allege that in the early morning hours of December 25, 2016 Westcott fatally stabbed Kayla Burke, and seriously injured Joseph O'Neill. Westcott then cut himself in the neck and throat. Westcott was transported to DHMC for treatment of lacerations to his neck.

Westcott remains in custody. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2300 tomorrow (1/06/17) at 1:30 to be formally advised of the charges.

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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

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