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ADDITIONAL CHARGES FILED IN VEHICULAR DEATHS

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally filed new charges against a man in the deaths of two people and injury of others in connection with a car crash at I-70 and I-225 in February.

Ernie Crawley (dob: 02-16-1979) is charged with two counts of *murder in the first degree-extreme indifference* (F1), two counts of *assault in the first degree* (F3), two counts of *vehicular homicide-DUI* (F3), two counts of *vehicular homicide-reckless* (F4), four counts of *vehicular assault* (F4), and one count of *DUI* (M). He was originally charged in February with two counts of *motor vehicle homicide-DUI* (F3) and other charges. The new charges were direct filed in District Court on May 22, but the original case was dismissed by motion of the DA's Office on June 4 in order to proceed with the new case and charges.

The charges allege that in the early morning hours of February 18 Crawley struck another vehicle at eastbound I-70 and southbound I-225. Two passengers in the vehicle that was struck, 24-year-old Brandi Wilson and 21-year-old Sean Moler, were killed in the collision and the driver of the vehicle was injured. A passenger in the vehicle driven by Crawley was also injured. Upon contact by the police, Crawley exhibited slurred speech, his breath had a strong alcoholic odor, and his eyes were bloodshot and watery. Police investigation determined Crawley to be the at-fault driver causing the fatal crash.

The defendant is scheduled to appear on July 27, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in District courtroom 5D for preliminary hearing.