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## ***NEWS RELEASE –***

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### **MAN CHARGED IN DEATH OF 7-ELEVEN EMPLOYEE**

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally charged a man accused in the stabbing death of a downtown 7-Eleven store employee.

**Luis Perez** (dob: 03-20-1985) is charged with *murder in the first degree* (F1). He was arrested on March 20, 2018, and charges were direct-filed in Denver District Court yesterday.

The charge alleges that shortly before midnight, March 15, 2018, Perez stabbed to death 29-year-old Derek Sorenson as the victim was standing outside the 7-Eleven store at which he worked in the 600 block of 17<sup>th</sup> Street. The two had allegedly engaged in a verbal argument earlier that night in the foyer of the building adjacent to the entrance to the convenience store. Building security officers responded to the foyer and intervened, at which time the defendant left and Mr. Sorenson returned to his store duties. A Crime Stoppers tip, building surveillance videos, and information from other citizens led to the identification and arrest of the defendant.

Perez is scheduled to appear in court on March 29 at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 4G for 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