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### **Man Charged with Murder in PT's Showclub Assault (Ashland)**

**DENVER**—Ryan Ashland (age 41) was charged by the Denver District Attorney's office with two counts of murder in the first degree (F1) for an attack involving four victims at PT's Showclub at 1601 W. Evans Avenue in Denver last month. Ashland is also charged with two counts of criminal attempt to commit murder in the first degree (F2), two counts of assault in the first degree (F3), one count of first degree burglary (F3), one count of assault in the second degree (F4), and four counts of menacing (F5).

On April 28, 2019, Ashland is alleged to have attacked four people with a baseball bat. Three of the four individuals were taken to Denver Health Medical Center with blunt force injuries to their heads and bodies. Mr. Wendell Janis died at the hospital. Another victim remains in critical but stable condition. A third victim suffered serious bodily injury and was released, and a fourth victim suffered minor injuries and was not hospitalized.

Ashland's next court appearance in Case Number (19CR03223) is set for May 16, 2019, at 8:30 am in Denver District Courtroom 5D.