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Denver Couple Charged with Running Short-Term Rental Scheme (Neir)

DENVER—Husband and wife, Alexander Neir (age 45) and Stacy Neir (age 43) are accused by prosecutors with the Denver District Attorney's Office of illegally running a short-term rental business through Airbnb. Denver Municipal Code requires the owner or leaser of a short-term rental (STR) to live at the location being rented as their primary residence.

An investigation by Denver's Excise and Licensing and Denver Police determined that the Neirs live in a home in Denver's Stapleton Neighborhood where Stacy Neir is the Block Captain for the Stapleton Neighborhood Group. The Neirs, however, are accused of signing Affidavits of Primary Residence stating that a property they own at 2145 Eliot Street was Mr. Neir's primary residence and that a property at 4525 Tennyson Street was Ms. Neir's primary residence. By checking internet listings, investigators determined that the Tennyson Street address has allegedly been operated as a STR since 2016, and the Eliot Street property since 2013.

Upon turning themselves in to law enforcement, the couple were charged separately today with one count of attempting to influence a public servant (F4). Mr. Neir's case number is 19CR04200 and Ms. Neir's case number is 19CR04197. They are scheduled to next appear in court for a bond hearing on June 21, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. in courtroom 2300.

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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