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Denver DA Files Charges in Denver Mosque Incident

DENVER—Benjamin Casillas-Rocha (age 24) was charged today with five counts of menacing (F5) for an incident on Friday, November 14, 2019, at a Denver mosque.

“After a thorough investigation by the Denver Police Department’s Bias Motivated Crimes team, there is currently no evidence that either the victims or the mosque were targeted because of their faith or religious beliefs,” said District Attorney Beth McCann. “Therefore, while Mr. Casillas-Rocha is being charged with felony menacing, this matter is not being prosecuted as a hate crime.”

Mr. Casillas-Rocha will next appear in court on December 4, 2019. The case number is 19CR08641.

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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