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## ***NEWS RELEASE –***

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### **Jose Sandoval-Romero Charged with Murdering Ariana Wolk**

**DENVER**—Denver District Attorney Beth McCann today announced that a 24-year old man, Jose Sandoval-Romero is charged with the murder of 40-year old Ariana Wolk. On the evening of July 3, 2020, Denver police officers and paramedics responded to a 911 call and in an apartment in the 1500 block of Oneida Street, found the victim in a pool of blood in her bed having suffered sharp force injuries to her neck. She was pronounced dead at the scene and the medical examiner later ruled her death a homicide.

Detectives located video from the night of the murder showing Ms. Wolk with Sandoval-Romero who is seen holding a clear cup with pink liquid. The cup was found in Ms. Wolk's yard and fingerprints allegedly tied it back to Jose Sandoval-Romero who was arrested in Colorado Springs on July 7, 2020. During his interview with law enforcement, Sandoval-Romero admitted that he had stabbed Ms. Wolk, fled the scene, and discarded his bloody clothes before fleeing to Colorado Springs.

Jose Sandoval-Romero is charged with one count of murder in the first degree (F1) and is scheduled for his second advisement this Friday at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 5A. This is case number 20CR4057.

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<p>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</p>
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