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## **Denver District Attorney Charges Three Juveniles in Arson-Homicide Incident**

**DENVER**—Denver District Attorney Beth McCann announced that two male juveniles arrested last week for their alleged role in an arson-homicide will be prosecuted as adults. A third male juvenile is currently charged as a juvenile. In August 2020, a fire that killed Djibril Diol (age 29), Adja Diol (age 23) and their daughter, Khadija, a toddler, was determined to be intentionally set. Also killed were Hassan Diol, (age 25), and her infant daughter, Hawa Beye. Three family members who were also living at the house survived the fire by jumping to safety from the second story.

Prosecutors direct filed the cases against the two 16-year old defendants, Kevin Bui and Gavin Seymour with Denver District Court. Because the third juvenile defendant is 15-years old, prosecutors will request that the case against him be transferred from Juvenile Court to Denver District Court.

Bui and Seymour are charged with 60 felony counts including first degree murder, attempted murder, first degree and second degree assault, first and fourth degree arson, first and second degree burglary, conspiracy charges, and other sentencing enhancers. The 15-year old defendant is charged with 47 counts including first degree murder, attempted murder, first degree and second degree assault, first and fourth degree arson, first and second degree burglary, conspiracy charges and a sentence enhancer of aggravated juvenile offender.

The arrest affidavits remain sealed so no further information will be released at this time. Bui's case number is 21CR20000 and Seymour's case number is 21CR20001. The case number for the 15-year old is not currently available.

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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