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Denver DA Charges Daniel Cheeseman with Attempted Murder of a Peace Officer

DENVER—The Denver District Attorney’s Office today announced that Daniel Cheeseman (age 33) has been charged with 25 felony counts including 13 counts of attempted murder and eight counts of assault or attempted assault. Cheeseman also faces 13 sentence-enhancing counts of using a weapon to commit a crime of violence.

On November 28, 2022, Denver police officers transported Cheeseman by vehicle to the Downtown Detention Center. Cheeseman had been arrested on several charges and was in handcuffs in the back of a police vehicle. When officers opened the door to their patrol car, Cheeseman allegedly produced a handgun he had hidden on his body and began firing, shooting one officer in the neck. The injured officer was transported to Denver Health Medical Center and treated for his injuries.

During the incident, one officer returned gun fire. Whether that officer’s conduct was legally justified will be reviewed by Denver DA Beth McCann as a separate matter per Colorado law regarding officer-involved shooting incidents.

This is Denver District Court case number 22CR006588. Daniel Cheeseman is scheduled to be Advised tomorrow at 9:30 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.