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**School Bus Driver Charged with 36 Counts of Child Abuse for Driving Drunk**

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Dave Young today announced the filing of additional charges against school bus driver Burton Carpenter DOB 03/19/56, including 36 counts of child abuse.

Carpenter, of Commerce City, was arrested Saturday for driving a school bus while intoxicated.

Carpenter is charged with one count of child abuse with knowing or reckless conduct not resulting in injury (M2) for each child that was on the bus, for a total of 36 charges of child abuse. He is charged with five counts of reckless endangerment (M3), one count for each of the adults on the bus.

He also is charged with one count each of driving under the influence, driving under the influence per se, careless driving, failing to drive in a single lane and of failing to stop a school bus at a railroad crossing.

Carpenter is due in court at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 30 in Division 8 of Adams County Court for arraignment.

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