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**Two Charged with First-Degree Murder of Woman at Primrose Motel**

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Thursday the filing of first-degree murder charges against Emiliano Damacio Urioste (DOB 04/29/85) and Teresa Dean (DOB 03/19/87) in the beating death of a woman found dead in an Adams County motel on June 1.

Abigail Cozad, 31, of Thornton was found beaten to death at the Primrose Motel at 5450 Federal Boulevard in unincorporated Adams County on June 1. The charges allege that Cozad had gone to the motel May 31 with Urioste and Dean.

Urioste and Dean both are charged with one count of first-degree murder after deliberation (F1), one count of first-degree felony murder (F1) and one count of robbery (F4).

Both were advised of the charges Thursday. A preliminary hearing for Urioste is set for 1:30 p.m. on September 4 in Division Q of Adams County District Court. Dean's preliminary hearing is set for 9 a.m. on September 18 in Division Q.

The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual committed a crime under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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