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**Charging Decision in the Death of Sammy Pickel**

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Dave Young has completed a review of an incident that led to the death of 23-year-old Sammy Pickel on March 15.

Pickel died after he was subdued by a bouncer at LoDo's Bar and Grill in Westminster following a physical altercation at the bar on March 12.

In order to file charges, the District Attorney must find that, after considering all reasonable defenses, there is sufficient evidence that a crime was committed that can be proven beyond a doubt in a jury trial.

The District Attorney has declined the filing of criminal charges in this case based on the unlikelihood of success of disproving self-defense in this matter beyond a reasonable doubt.

District Attorney Dave Young is available to discuss this decision.

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