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Charges Filed Against Man who Stole Truck and Caused 3-Car Crash in Thornton

17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced that multiple charges have been filed against a man who stole a “puffer” truck and then led police on a high speed chase before a collision that sent one man to the hospital last week.

Adan Quiarte-Jara (DOB 08/14/94) is charged with first-degree assault (F3), aggravated motor vehicle theft (F4), vehicular eluding (F4), leaving the scene of an accident (F4), vehicular assault (F5), two counts of violation of bail bond conditions (F6), third degree assault (M1) and driving under restraint (M).

According to the charges, on March 29, Quiarte-Jara stole a vehicle that had been left with the engine running and subsequently led Adams County sheriff's deputies on a high speed chase which was called off because of his reckless driving. He collided with two vehicles at 84th Avenue and Washington Street in Thornton. He jumped out of the truck and fled and was arrested at Clarkson Street and East 84th Avenue.

Quiarte-Jara appeared in court Monday for advisement on filing of formal charges. His preliminary hearing is set for 2 p.m. April 25 in Division 2 of Adams County Court. He is held on \$50,000 bond.

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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