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**Woman Charged in Multiple Hit-and-Run Accidents**

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Thursday that multiple charges have been filed against Deborah Jean Daniels in connection with a hit-and-run accident in Thornton on May 17 in which she side-swiped a number of other vehicles after she drove off in one of the vehicles that she rear-ended.

Daniels (DOB 08/31/58) is charged with first-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft (F4), driving under the influence, reckless endangerment, leaving the scene of an accident and careless driving.

The charges allege that Daniels rear-ended a Cadillac Escalade at Washington Street and East 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Thornton on May 17. When the driver of that vehicle got out of her vehicle to check the damage, Daniels got into the Escalade and drove off, hitting at least four other vehicles until she wrecked the Escalade further north on Washington Street.

Daniels was arrested Tuesday. She will be in court 8:30 a.m. on August 19 for appearance on 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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