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**Man Charged in Wrong Way Collision that Injured Four in Thornton**

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Monday that multiple charges have been filed against Frederick Veloz Jr., in the collision in Thornton last Tuesday that sent four teenagers to the hospital.

According to the charges, on Tuesday, July 26, at about 7:45 p.m., Northglenn officers responded to a report of a hit and run accident involving a black Ford truck with Alabama license plates in the parking lot of E.B Raines Park at 10700 Community Center Drive. Several hours later, Thornton officers spotted the truck involved in that accident near 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Washington Street. While officers attempted a traffic stop, the driver, Veloz, took off and began driving north in the southbound lanes of Washington Street toward 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Officers estimated the truck's speed at 70 miles per hour before the truck collided with a Chevrolet Impala, injuring the driver and three passengers. Veloz fled on foot and was arrested by Thornton police.

Veloz (DOB 10/24/83) is charged with four counts of vehicular eluding resulting in bodily injury (F4), two counts of leaving the scene of an accident involving serious bodily injury (F4) and two counts of reckless vehicular assault (F5). He is also charged with misdemeanor and traffic offenses of violation of a protection order, driving under restraint and leaving the scene of an accident.

He was advised of the charges Monday in Adams County Court. His case is set for preliminary hearing at 10 a.m. August 22 in Division 7 of Adams County Court. He is held on \$250,000 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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