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**Man Charged in Commerce City Murder**

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Monday that Deshawn Anthony Benain has been charged with one count of first-degree murder after deliberation in the death of 21-year-old Sydney Lynn Lewis in Commerce City.

Commerce City police found Lewis' body behind a dumpster at 5025 E. 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue on January 23. The charges allege Lewis was killed after an argument between her and Benain.

Benain (DOB 10/17/93) is charged with one count of first-degree murder after deliberation (F1). He was advised of the charge Monday morning in Adams County District Court. His preliminary hearing is set for 1:30 p.m. March 2 in Division G of Adams County District Court.

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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