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Commerce City Man Charged with Attempted Murder in Attack on his Wife

17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Friday that charges of attempted first-degree murder and assault have been filed against Derek Michael Johnston of Commerce City in an attack on his wife.

Commerce City police found Melissa Ehrmann, 38, unresponsive in the couple's home at 14802 E. 119th Avenue on September 6. She was transported to University Hospital. The couple's 19-month-old son also was in the home.

Johnston (DOB 10/07/79) is charged with attempted first-degree murder (F2), first-degree assault (F3), child abuse and crime of violence, a sentencing enhancer.

He was formally advised of the charges Wednesday. A preliminary hearing is set for 2:30 p.m. October 2 in Division 5 of Adams County Court. Johnson is held on \$500,000 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. See Colo. RPC 3.6.

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