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Man Charged with First-degree Murder of Adams County Deputy Heath Gumm

17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Wednesday that Dreion Martise Dearing has been charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of Adams County Deputy Sheriff Heath Gumm last Wednesday.

Deputy Heath Gumm, 32, was fatally shot January 24 while responding to a 911 disturbance call in the 8700 block of Dawson Street in Adams County.

Dearing (DOB 10/31/95) is charged with first-degree murder of a peace officer after deliberation (F1), first-degree felony murder of a peace officer (F1), first-degree murder after deliberation (F1), first-degree felony murder (F1), first-degree burglary (F3), possession of a weapon by a previous offender (F5) and third-degree assault (M1).

Dearing was advised of the charges in Adams County District Court Wednesday morning. A motions hearing is set for 9:30 on February 21. A preliminary hearing is set for 9 a.m. on April 18.

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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