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**Man Charged with Attempted Murder and Arson in Federal Heights Fire**

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Tuesday that Steven Richard Truetken has been charged with attempted first-degree murder, arson and possession and use of explosives in connection with a fire in Federal Heights last week.

Truetken (DOB (01-01-62) is charged with setting his neighbor's home at 2037 Moselle Street on fire on January 17.

Truetken is charged with three counts of attempted first-degree murder (F2), one count of using explosives or an incendiary device (F3), two counts of first-degree arson (F3), one count of possession of explosives (F4), two counts of menacing (F5), one count of attempted aggravated cruelty to animals (F6) and one count of crime of violence, a sentencing enhancer.

Truetken was advised of the charges Tuesday in Adams County District Court. A preliminary hearing is set for 3 p.m. on February 15 in Division 3 of Adams County Court. Truetken is held on \$1 million 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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