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**Man Charged with First-degree Murder in Shooting Death of 19-year-old Woman**

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Wednesday that Joseph Michael Lopez has been charged with first-degree murder after deliberation in the death of Natalie Bollinger.

Bollinger, 19, was reported missing on December 28. Her body was found in the 11600 block of Riverdale Road in Adams County on December 29. The coroner determined she died of a single gunshot to her head.

Lopez (DOB 06/06/95) is charged with one count of first-degree murder after deliberation (F1). He was advised of the charge Wednesday in Adams County District Court. A preliminary hearing is set for 9 a.m. April 27 in Division F 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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