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Adams County Sheriff's Office Commander Charged in Fatal Crash

17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Tuesday that John Paul Bitterman, a commander with the Adams County Sheriff's Office, has been charged with careless driving resulting in death in a March 28 crash near Bennett.

Bitterman (DOB 07/05/75) was on duty and headed westbound on 88th Avenue when his vehicle collided with another vehicle at the intersection of Colorado Highway 79, about seven miles north of Bennett. Eira Saenz Sandoval, 85, was killed in the crash. Maria Del Refugio Corral Saenz, 58, was injured.

Bitterman is charged with careless driving resulting in death and careless driving causing bodily injury. Both are traffic offenses.

Bitterman was served with a summons and complaint. Arraignment is set for 8:30 a.m. June 10 in Division 3 of Adams County Court.

The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual committed a crime under Colorado law. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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