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**Man Charged with Attempted Murder of Deputies and Assault on Firefighters**

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Monday that David Llewellyn Schafer has been charged with 19 counts in an incident that culminated with a shootout with Adams County deputies last week.

Deputies responded to 3660 E. 156<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Brighton on July 21 on a disturbance call. Schafer (DOB 01/17/64) barricaded himself inside the home, set it on fire and then fled in his vehicle with deputies in pursuit. Eventually he returned to the scene, using his vehicle to ram a patrol car and then crashed his vehicle into the garage of the residence where firefighters were fighting the blaze. Schafer was armed with a rifle and shots were exchanged before deputies took Schafer into custody.

Schafer is charged with two counts of attempted first-degree murder (F2) involving two deputies, 12 counts of first-degree assault (F2) involving 12 firefighters, first-degree arson (F3), criminal mischief (F3), vehicular eluding (F5) and crime of violence, a sentencing enhancer.

He was advised of the charges Friday in Adams County Court and is held on \$100,000 bond. A preliminary hearing is set for 2 p.m. on August 14 in 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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