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RE: Patrick Suchaiya Charged with First Degree Murder
In Shooting Death of 18-year-old Garry McLaughlin

Patrick Suchaiya, DOB: 11-9-83, was charged today with one count of first degree murder, six counts of attempted first degree murder and one count of tampering with physical evidence. If convicted he faces life in prison.

Suchaiya was arrested by Arvada Police on July 15, for allegedly shooting 18-year-old Garry McLaughlin at a birthday party at his family's home on May 31, 2003.

McLaughlin was the stepson of Jefferson County District Court Judge Jack Berryhill. All of the Jefferson County Judges have recused themselves and former Justice Joseph Quinn, who has Senior Judge status, will preside over this case.

A preliminary hearing has been scheduled for October 6, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. in Division D of the Jefferson County Court.

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