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**RE:** Two Women Charged with Vehicular Homicide in Lakewood

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Jefferson County District Attorney Dave Thomas today filed charges against two young women, Reyna Teddi Abad, DOB: 8-30-85 and Mistera Jean Markwell, DOB: 10-30-85, both of Lakewood. The women are alleged to have been involved in a speed contest near Wadsworth and Colfax in Lakewood last Friday night, February 6, 2004. The white Honda driven by Abad struck a vehicle turning into a restaurant and also caused the collision of a third automobile. A passenger in the car driven by Abad was killed and six others were injured. Markwell, who was driving a Mazda, is believed to have observed the collision, but continued driving away from the crash site. She contacted Lakewood Police the following day. Witnesses say they appeared to racing down Wadsworth, one of them in the passing lane, at speeds of up to 65 miles an hour prior to the collision.

Both women have been charged with vehicular homicide (a class 4 felony); two counts of vehicular assault (class 5 felonies); reckless driving, participating in a speed contest and speeding (each of the last three are traffic offenses). Markwell was also charged with a class 2 misdemeanor child abuse because there was an eight-year-old child in the automobile she was driving.

The Jefferson County Courts will issue a felony summons to both women and their first appearance dates will be set for some time in the next 4-6 weeks. Each felony count carries a potential prison sentence.

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