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RE: Two Men Charged with Vehicular Homicide after Speed Contest

Jefferson County Scott Storey announced today that criminal charges have been filed against two young men alleged to have been involved in a speed contest on May 27, 2005, which resulted in the death of Hung Vo.

Vuong Hung Nguyen, DOB: 8-15-85, of Denver, was arrested on June 22, and has been charged with vehicular homicide – DUI (a class 3 felony), vehicular homicide – reckless (a class 4 felony), speed contest (a traffic offense 2), speeding (traffic offense 2) and DUI. He posted \$10,000 bond and has a first appearance in courtroom 1B of the Jefferson County Courthouse on July 1, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

Souvanna Phansaiyasack, DOB: 10-23-78, of Westminster, was arrested on June 28, and was similarly charged with two counts of vehicular homicide (under both the DUI and reckless theories), speed contest, speeding and DWAI. He also posted \$10,000 bond and his first appearance is July 8, 2005 at 10:00 in courtroom 1B.

According to court records, on the afternoon of May 27 two vehicles, one driven by Nguyen, with his passenger Hung Vo, and the other driven by Phansaiyasack were first observed driving recklessly and weaving in and out

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of westbound traffic on Highway 36. Both vehicles were seen to exit eastbound on 104th Avenue to a red light. As the light turned green, one young man was alleged to have made a motion with his arm, possibly indicating the beginning of a race, and “both vehicles sped off at a very high rate of speed.” The accident occurred in the 5800 block of 104th Avenue. According to the arrest affidavit Westminster police believe that excessive speed, above 70 mph in a 40 mph zone, combined with one driver’s inability to maintain control of his vehicle, resulted in the sequence of events leading up the collision and the death of Hung Vo.

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