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RE: Three Charged in Road Rage Incident

The Jefferson County District Attorney's Office today filed one count of felony menacing, a class five felony, against Michael Douglas Ryan, DOB: 3-30-64. The charge was the result of the investigation into an alleged "road rage" incident involving a car and a truck that occurred on August 29, 2005, near Highway 285 and Simms Avenue in unincorporated Jefferson County. Ryan, an off-duty Denver police officer, is accused of having displayed a gun during the altercation. The District Attorney has requested that the Court issue a felony summons.

A summons was also issued by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office to two other adults in connection with the incident. Christine Joann Frappied, DOB: 9-16-71, was charged with throwing missiles at a vehicle, a misdemeanor. Her first appearance is arraignment and has been set for November 15, 2005, at 1:15 in Courtroom 1B of the Jefferson County Courthouse. She is accused of having thrown a cup of ice at Ryan's vehicle. Christine Neona Urioste-Smedley, DOB: 10-15-49, was the driver of the second vehicle and was issued a summons for driving while her license was under restraint. Her arraignment has been set for November 18, 2005, also at 1:15 in Courtroom 1B of the Jefferson County Court.

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