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## **Press Release – Driver Facing Homicide Charges**

On April 1, 2022, the Boulder Police Department responded to the 4800 block of Pearl Street at 5:54 am to a party not breathing and not conscious. The caller reported significant blood and believed the party was deceased. The victim was declared dead at the scene and was identified as Zachary Taggart. Police in the area found a heavily damaged black Saturn that was registered to the victim about a block away from the crime scene. The car also had traces of blood and hair along the passenger side. The defendant and the victim had been living in the car together. Footage from a security camera showed the same car traveling east on Pearl Street at 10:35 pm on March 31, 2022 when the passenger side of the vehicle appears to strike an object, causing the front of the vehicle to raise up, as if it collided with something, and the rear of the vehicle then doing the same motion. Cell data records belonging to Alan Moody confirmed he was in that same location during the events captured on video. Alan Moody was arrested and charged in this fatal case.

Originally, three charges were filed against Mr. Moody for Leaving the Scene of an Accident (F3), Vehicular Homicide (F4), and False Reporting of Identifying Information to Law Enforcement (M2).

Since the day that the victim was killed, the District Attorney Office has been working closely with the detectives assigned to this case. The Boulder Police Department conducted an extensive investigation. As a result of their investigation, the District Attorney's Office has now filed an additional charge of Second Degree Murder. That offense carries a possible sentence of 16 – 48 years in state prison.

Chief Maris Herold stated, "These new charges reflect the accuracy of what occurred that day. This was directly due to the diligent detective work and commitment to getting justice for this victim. I'm proud of their excellent teamwork done in partnership with the District Attorney's Office."

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, “With the filing of this charge, I want to recognize the tremendous efforts of the detectives assigned to this difficult and important case. In every case involving a fatality, the ability and dedication of the detectives are essential to the ultimate success of the prosecution. Our office will continue to work closely with the Boulder Police Department to ensure that we reach the right outcome for this victim, the loved ones, and the community.”

Mr. Moody’s bond is set at \$20,000 cash, surety, or property, and the case is set for a Preliminary Hearing on June 27, 2022 at 9:00 am.

*As in every criminal case, these charges are merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty.*