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<u>Boulder High Prom Night on April 9, 2022</u>

On the night of Boulder High School's Prom, April 9, 2022, it is alleged that a 17-year-old student left a post-prom party and got into her truck to obtain additional alcohol. She then drove her truck on the wrong side of Highway 157 and crashed head-on with a 2018 Subaru Legacy, killing that vehicle's passenger, Gregoria Morales Ramirez, and, its driver, Ori Tsioni. Mr. Tsioni was a Lyft driver, and Ms. Ramirez was his customer. This collision also caused a 2006 Honda Accord driven by Diana Perez Spencer to crash into the back of the 2018 Subaru Legacy. Ms. Spencer suffered multiple rib fractures. It is alleged that the juvenile driver was intoxicated; she has previously been charged with multiple counts of Vehicular Homicide and Vehicular Assault.

Following the fatal crash that took two lives, investigators attempted to speak with numerous adult and minor witnesses about how and where the driver consumed the alcohol. The Colorado State Patrol, Liquor Enforcement Division, and District Attorney's Office worked on this joint investigation.

Many of the witnesses refused to speak with investigators about that night. The District Attorney's Office presented the investigation to the Grand Jury. The Grand Jury issued subpoenas, including for witnesses to testify to the events that led to the fatal crash.

As a result of the Grand Jury's investigation, the Grand Jury returned nine (9) Indictments. The Indictments allege that two companies sold fake identification to numerous high school students, a liquor store regularly sold alcohol to underage persons, the driver of a party bus allowed students to drink on the party bus, and several adults aided and facilitated in underage persons drinking alcohol on that night and on prior occasions. Furthermore, it is alleged that the adults did not supervise these underage persons or seek to prevent them from later driving under the influence of alcohol.

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, "I want to thank the Boulder Valley School District for their cooperation and the investigators for their hard work on this tragic case."

A grand jury indictment is merely a formal accusation that an individual committed a crime under Colorado laws. Criminal charges are merely accusations. All defendants are presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty.