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Press Release
Charges for BCSO Deputy in crash

The District Attorney's Office has charged Boulder County Sheriff's Office Deputy Daniel Pratt with two (2) counts of Vehicular Assault, a Class 5 Felony. The crash, involving the deputy's vehicle and the victims' car, occurred on August 12, 2022.

On August 12th, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Deputy Pratt responded to a call for assistance by law enforcement at the Boulder County Fair. Law enforcement officers at the fair called for emergency assistance after fights broke out and the crowd became hostile. Deputy Pratt was Longmont-bound on Colorado Highway 119 in a marked patrol vehicle.

The crash occurred when Deputy Pratt entered the intersection at Niwot Road striking an eastbound Prius. The Prius was occupied by two individuals who sustained very serious injuries and were transported to the hospital. Deputy Pratt was evaluated and discharged without injuries.

Following the crash, the Colorado State Patrol and District Attorney's Office responded to the scene to ensure an independent and thorough investigation. The subsequent investigation included a crash reconstruction analysis. The investigation included the speed of the vehicles, the right of way, the red traffic light, the observations of eyewitnesses, the Sheriff's Office policy for activating lights and sirens, as well as the policy for approaching a red traffic light while running emergent.

Colorado State Patrol issued the felony charge after consultation with the District Attorney's Office. District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, "I appreciate the thorough investigation by the Colorado State Patrol. This crash was incredibly scary, and the victims were seriously injured."

Daniel Pratt will return on the felony summons for his first appearance on February 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

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