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Press Release – Charges Filed in Vehicular Fatality

On July 29, 2023, at approximately 12:30 p.m., Yeva Smilianska (DOB: 07/08/2000) drove her 2004 Toyota Matrix southbound on Highway 119 from Longmont to Boulder. Magnus White, 17 years old, was riding his bicycle southbound on Highway 119 on the paved right shoulder, on the right side of the solid white line. After crashing directly into Magnus White, the driver continued off the roadway and down the grass embankment. First responders quickly transported Magnus White to Boulder Community Hospital, where he later died.

The Colorado State Patrol (CSP) investigated this tragic crash. When CSP completed their investigation, they turned it over to the District Attorney's Office. In any crash that results in a loss of life, it is the specific conduct of the driver that determines what, if any, criminal charges can be filed. Depending on a driver's actions, a vehicular fatality can be classified as the result of an accident, careless driving, reckless driving or driving under the influence, or intentional conduct. District Attorney Investigators completed additional investigative steps to further analyze the driver's actions leading up to the crash. The Arrest Affidavit included the details from the investigation.

On the afternoon of December 12th, a District Court judge authorized an Arrest Warrant charging the defendant with Vehicular Homicide – Reckless, a Class 4 felony. On the evening of December 12th, the Longmont Police Department arrested Yeva Smilianska. Police officers transported her to the Boulder County Jail. Yeva Smilianska will appear before a judge today.

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, "The life of Magnus White was cut tragically short. His death is devastating for his family, friends, and the cycling community. Our office is committed to fighting for the right outcome."

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