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DUI crash suspect faces seven charges

by **Steven Vetter**
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STRASBURG — A Strasburg man is facing more than a handful of charges associated with allegations of drunk driving that resulted in a residential crash and break-ins on neighboring properties on the north edge of town.

Taylor Siemer, 21, was scheduled for a return filing of charges

in Courtroom 3 of Adams County District Court Nov. 5 after he was taken into custody around midnight Oct. 25-26.

The seven counts filed by the DA's office are driving under the influence; reckless driving; possession of a firearm under the influence; first-degree criminal trespass to an automobile; second-degree burglary of a dwelling; criminal mischief with damag-

es between \$300 to \$1,000; and obstruction of a peace officer. The burglary charge is a third-degree felony; reckless driving a second-level traffic offense; and the other five misdemeanors.

According to the Adams County Sheriff's Office, at

approximately 12:30 a.m., Oct. 26, a deputy responded to the 3900 block of Burton Street on report of a rollover accident.

Upon arrival, the deputy found Siemer's father looking through the wreckage of a red Lexus that belonged to his son. The father reported that a friend of his son, who was also in the car, reported

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Siemers

National Weather Service: Oct. '24 2nd-hottest ever

by **Steven Vetter**
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The warmest September and the second-hottest October on record have combined with woefully below-average precipitation the past two months to slide about 60% of Colorado into some semblance of drought designation, including all of Adams, Arapahoe and Elbert county portions of the I-70 Corridor.

According to the National Weather Service's official weather station at Denver International Airport, October's average temperature of 59.1 degrees is only behind 59.9 degrees recorded in 1950 and jumped ahead of the previous runner-up of 57.9 degrees in 1963. In addition, the amount of moisture collected last month was 0.11 inches, which is the 12th lowest accumulation for October. The 10 driest Octobers on record since 1872 have been 0.06 inches or less; most recently, 2021 was at 0.06 inches of precipitation. The driest October on record was 1934 when only "a trace"

was measured.

The NWS' weather station at Cabin Creek along Highway 36 east of Byers showed an average October daily temperature of 55.7 degrees, compared to the historical average of 49.8 degrees, and a precipitation amount of 0.36 inches, well below the monthly average of 1.4 inches.

October was the second straight month of significantly hotter and drier conditions throughout the Front Range and areas immediately to the east.

For September, the DIA weather station measured a record average daily temperature of 70 degrees, up from the previous high of 69.4 degrees in 2015, and precipitation of 0.25 inches, well below the 1.4-inch average for the month.

The Cabin Creek station reported a daily average temperature of 63.5 degrees for September and less than an inch of moisture, compared to a historical average of 1.63 inches.

The lack of temperature or moisture relief has led to drought conditions rapidly

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Benjamin Ginther, 3, seems perplexed as to how to feed a banana to a vacuum hose at the Feed the Elephant game during Calvary Chapel Bennett's Halloween carnival at the Bennett VFW Hall Oct. 31. **SEE PAGES 12-13.**



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U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert, R-Colo., and Chris Richardson, candidate for the state representative, pose with Charlie Kerr, 13, of Strasburg, during a campaign stop at Trupp Park in Bennett Oct. 28. Richardson ran for Colorado House District 56, which includes the I-70 Corridor, against Democrat Alessandra Navetta. Boebert ran against Democrat Trisha Calvarese for the U.S. House of Representatives in Colorado's 4th Congressional District, which encompasses the rural Eastern Plains. Election results were unavailable at press time.

U.S. Drought Monitor Colorado

October 29, 2024
(Released Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	39.87	60.13	34.93	9.89	3.26	0.00
Last Week 10-23-2024	44.43	55.57	33.13	8.51	1.59	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-30-2024	59.29	40.71	9.42	1.53	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2024	34.85	65.35	29.59	8.85	2.05	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2023	48.27	51.73	24.40	4.62	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-30-2023	58.00	42.00	21.66	3.73	0.00	0.00

Intensity:
None
D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Drought
D2 Severe Drought
D3 Extreme Drought
D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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