



NEWS RELEASE

August 1, 2007

Contact: Lynn Kimbrough, 720-913-9025

BIKE THIEF FORMALLY CHARGED

A man accused of stealing high-end mountain bikes and scooters from several bike stores around Denver was formally charged by Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey today.

Todd Michael Brunette (03-05-64) faces five counts of *theft \$500-15,000* (F4), three counts of *forgery* (F5), three counts of *identity theft* (F4), four counts of *pawnbroker violation* (F6), two counts of *criminal impersonation* (F6) and one count of *theft \$100-500* (M2). He was also charged yesterday in a separate case with *identity theft* (F4), *aggravated motor vehicle theft* (F6) and *criminal impersonation* (F6).

The charges allege Brunette stole bicycles and a scooter from different Denver stores by presenting false identification before taking the bikes for test rides. After leaving the false identification, the charges allege he failed to return with the bikes and later sold them or pawned them. He was arrested after investigators received a tip through the CrimeStoppers Program.

Brunette remains in custody in the Denver County Jail. His bond is set at \$5,000 in each case. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, at 9 a.m. tomorrow to be formally advised in the first case. He is scheduled to appear on August 3, 2007 for advisement on the charges filed today.