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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH PIRATED DVDs**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of creating and selling illegally copied CDs and DVDs.

**Alpha Balde** (03-30-88) is charged with *theft* (F4), *computer crime* (F4), *trademark counterfeiting* (M1), *unlawful trafficking in unlawfully transferred items* (M3) and *dealing in unlawfully packaged recorded articles* (M3).

The charges allege that Balde illegally recorded movies at movie theatres that were not yet available on DVD, created multiple DVD copies and sold them out of his van. Balde was questioned earlier in January 2008 when police discovered an estimated 2000 to 3000 CDs and DVDs that he was selling from his van parked in downtown Denver. Balde was arrested March 25, 2008 and has been released from custody on a \$5,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court on April 2, 2008 at 9 a.m. in Denver County Courtroom 12T to be formally advised of the charges.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. *See* Colo. RPC 3.6