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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN CHARGED IN COLD CASE HOMICIDE**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man in connection with a 2005 homicide of a disabled Denver woman.

**Gerald Cooper** (DOB 09-12-1960) is charged with *first-degree murder* (F1), two counts of *felony murder* (F1), *first-degree kidnapping* (F2), *first-degree burglary* (F3), and *unlawful sexual contact with force* (F4).

On July 11, 2005, a partially disabled woman was found stabbed and beaten to death in her apartment in the 1200 block of Galapago Street in Denver, Colorado. The case remained unsolved until Cooper's DNA was matched against the unknown DNA profile left behind in the victim's apartment. The charges allege that Cooper forced his way into the victim's apartment, assaulted her, killed her, and then robbed her. He is currently incarcerated at the Colorado Department of Corrections in Sterling, Colorado, serving a sentence for second-degree assault in connection with a different woman in the same apartment complex in 2006.

Cooper is scheduled to appear for his first advisement in Denver County Courtroom 12T on February 15, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.