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ESCAPEE CHARGED WITH NEW CRIMES

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man suspected in a series of robberies and burglaries.

Keith Simpson (dob: 03-05-54) is charged with two counts of *aggravated robbery* (F3), *attempted first-degree murder* (F2) and *second-degree assault* (F4) in connection with two separate cases.

The charges allege that on January 31, 2008 Simpson forced his way into a home in the 1200 block of East 11th Avenue, and then robbed, assaulted and tried to kill a 54-year-old male resident. The charges further allege that on February 20, 2008 Simpson robbed a 60-year-old woman at knifepoint, taking her purse as she was parking her car in the 500 block of Logan Street.

Simpson was arrested on February 21, 2008 by Denver police based on information developed by the Denver Police Department's Pattern Crimes Bureau/Robbery Unit. Simpson was wanted for escape at the time, suspected of walking away from a facility on the grounds of the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan.

Simpson remains in custody in the Denver County Jail. His bond is set at a total of \$350,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, on February 29, 2008 at 9 a.m. 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*