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CHARGES FILED IN 1995 COLD CASE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of attacking a young woman as she slept in her home in 1995.

Byron Gay (dob: 05-05-65) was charged yesterday with *first-degree sexual assault* (F2).

The charge alleges that on October 24, 1995 Gay broke into a home in the 3000 block of Columbine Street and sexually assault a 19-year-old female.

Gay was identified as a suspect in the case through the work of Denver's Cold Case Project and was taken into custody January 14, 2009 when he was arrested for breaking into a home in the 2800 block of South Ingalls Street where a young girl was home alone. He is currently facing charges of burglary and menacing in that case.

Gay remains in custody in the Denver County Jail. His bond is set at \$500,000 in the sexual assault case, and \$50,000 in the burglary case. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court tomorrow, February 19, 2009 at 9 a.m. to be formally advised of the sexual assault charge.

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The Cold Case DNA Project is an ongoing collaborative effort involving Denver Police detectives, the Denver Police Department Crime Lab and the Denver District Attorney's Office with grant funding through the National Institute of Justice.

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*