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CHARGES FILED IN '98 KIDNAPPING/SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of kidnapping and sexually assaulting in 1998. The charges were filed yesterday.

Joseph Ernest Sandoval (dob: 10-18-78) is charged with *second-degree kidnapping* (F2) and *sexual assault* (F3).

The charges allege that on November 16, 1998, Sandoval (who was 20 years old at the time) kidnapped a 35-year-old woman at gunpoint while she was using a pay phone at Colfax Avenue and Pennsylvania Street. The charges further allege that he took her into the basement of a home and sexually assaulted her before letting her go.

Sandoval's arrest and charging are the result of work by the Denver Police Department's Cold Case Unit. He remains in custody in the Denver County Jail; his bond is set at \$200,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, tomorrow, April 15, 2009 at 9 a.m. to be 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