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CHARGES FILED IN "COLD CASE" SEXUAL ASSAULT

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man in connection with a kidnapping and sexual assault that occurred in 1994.

Benjamin Franklin Anderson (dob: 04-05-75) is charged with *first-degree sexual assault* (F2) and *second-degree kidnapping* (F2).

The charges allege that on April 16, 1994 Anderson kidnapped a woman who had stopped at a convenience store on her way to work. The charges further allege that he physically attacked her to the point she was paralyzed, then sexually assaulted her and left her in a vehicle stranded on railroad tracks.

A Denver police officer checking on a report of an abandoned car at the railroad tracks in the 5100 block of York Street found the victim. She was taken to the hospital and survived her injuries but was left quadriplegic.

As part of the Denver DNA Cold Case Project, the combined efforts of Denver police detectives and crime lab personnel resulted in identifying Anderson as a suspect.

Anderson is currently in custody with the Colorado Department of Corrections for a robbery and sexual assault conviction in Denver in 1994. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, on June 8, 2006 to be advised of the new charges.

