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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **WOMAN CHARGED WITH SEXUALLY ASSAULTING TEEN**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has charged a woman accused of sexually assaulting a teenage boy.

**Tani Firkins** (dob: 07-14-74) is charged with three counts of *sexual assault on a child – pattern of abuse* (F3) and *sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust – pattern of abuse* (F3).

The charges allege that Firkins repeatedly sexually assaulted a 14-year-old boy in 2000 and 2001 in Denver at a community center where she was living and working at the time.

Firkins is currently serving a 9-year prison term in the Colorado Department of Corrections on a similar case handled by the Jefferson County DA's Office. She is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, to be advised of the new charges on February 14, 2006 at 9 a.m.

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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