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CHARGES FILED IN NEW YEAR'S EVE CARJACKING

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has charged a man accused of kidnapping and robbing a couple on New Year's Eve as they were leaving a store.

Patrick Apodaca (dob: 11-16-87) was formally charged yesterday with four counts of *kidnapping* (F2, F3) and two counts of *aggravated robbery* (F3).

The charges allege that Apodaca was one of two men who approached a couple about 10:30 p.m. on December 31, 2006 demanding cash. The charges further allege that when the couple refused, Apodaca forced them into their car at gunpoint, made them drive to an ATM to withdraw cash and robbed them of money and other valuables before fleeing.

The ongoing investigation by detectives at the Denver Police Department resulted in identifying Apodaca and taking him into custody on February 9, 2007. He remains in custody in the Denver County Jail; his bond is set at \$100,000. He is scheduled to be formally advised of the charges tomorrow in Denver County Court, room 12T, at 9 a.m.

The investigation is continuing and additional charges are possible.