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MAN CHARGED IN '82 MURDER

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man today in connection with a murder that occurred in 1982.

Victor Chavez (dob: 03-24-56) is charged with one count of *first-degree murder* (F1).

The charge alleges that on April 3, 1982 Chavez fired a gun into the driver's side window of a car being driven by 24-year-old Robert Paulsen who died at the scene.

Chavez was identified as a suspect at the time but fled. In April 2006, Chavez was contacted by police in Idaho for a routine traffic stop and he was later traced to Utah where he was taken into custody on February 28, 2007. Chavez, who has indicated he will not fight extradition, could be returned to Colorado within the next two weeks.

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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