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MAN CHARGED IN BURGLARIES AND ID THEFTS

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of breaking into lockers on the Auraria Campus and using some of the stolen items to commit identity theft. The charges were filed today as a result of an investigation by the Auraria Campus Police Department.

Matthew Cooper (dob: 06-10-85) is charged with two counts of *second-degree burglary* (F4), two counts of *identity theft* (F4), *possession of burglary tools* (F5), *possession of identity theft tools* (F5), *criminal impersonation* (F6) and *theft* (M2).

The charges allege that Cooper broke into lockers on the Auraria campus, stealing personal items, identification and credit cards. He was arrested October 25, 2007 on campus when he was linked to the investigation by a victim whose credit card had been used to order a cell phone. The victim learned of the phone order and observed a man receiving a FedEx delivery of a phone near his home a few days later. Campus detectives were able to use the information to identify the suspect.

Cooper remains in custody in the Denver County Jail. His bond is set at \$25,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, on November 1, 2007 at 9 a.m. to be advised of the charges.

The investigation is continuing and additional charges may be filed.