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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN CHARGED WITH CHILD ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has charged a man accused of punching an 18-month-old girl in the face and then sexually assaulting her mother.

**Joseph Roberts** (dob: 04-10-77) is charged with *sexual assault (F3)*, *child abuse (M1)*, *third-degree assault (M1)*, *assault on a peace officer (F4)* and *resisting arrest (M2)*.

The charges allege that on September 23, 2007 Roberts was involved in an altercation with his 26-year-old girlfriend. The charges further allege he hit the woman's 18-month-old daughter in the face, physically and sexually assaulted the woman, then assaulted a police officer while resisting arrest.

Roberts remains in custody in the Denver County Jail. His bond is set at \$50,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, on September 28, 2007 at 9 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.