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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **OFFICER CHARGED WITH ASSAULT**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a police officer with assault in connection with an altercation near Coors Field that occurred last April.

**Michael Cordova** (dob: 04-18-76) is charged with two counts of *second-degree assault* (F), reflecting one incident being charged under two different sections of the second-degree assault statute.

The charges allege that on April 4, 2008, Cordova, who was on-duty working for the Denver Police Department in plain clothes near Coors Field, and caused serious bodily injury to 57-year-old John Heaney by slamming Heaney's face down into the pavement while trying to take him into custody. Heaney suffered two fractured front teeth.

Cordova has been released from custody on a \$5,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, on January 2, 2009, at 9 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.

During the course of the investigation, Cordova was working in a non-line of duty assignment. With the filing of charges today, the Denver Police Department has suspended him without pay.

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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*