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COLORADO INMATE CHARGED IN 1992 COLD CASE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man in connection with the sexual assault of a woman in her Denver home in 1992. The attack occurred in an apartment complex in the 10000 block of East Dartmouth Avenue.

Richard Scott DePina (DOB: 08-08-1961) is charged with *kidnapping* (F2) and *sexual assault* (F3).

The charges allege that on the night of January 12, 1992, DePina followed the victim from a shopping center to her apartment where he sexually assaulted her. The charges also allege that DePina fled the woman's home but left DNA at the scene. Denver police detectives reviewed the case as part of the Denver Cold Case Project and presented the case for filing after identifying DePina through a DNA match.

Richard DePina is currently serving a lengthy prison sentence in the Colorado Department of Corrections facility in Sterling, Colorado in connection with a 1993 kidnapping and sexual assault case out of Arapahoe County.

A court appearance for DePina has not yet been scheduled.

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The Denver DNA Cold Case Project is an ongoing collaborative project of the Denver Police Department and the Denver District Attorney's Office, funded by a grant from the National Institute of Justice, to use advances in DNA technology to review, solve, and prosecute unsolved homicides and sexual assaults.

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