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MAN CHARGED WITH ARSON

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a 23-year-old man accused of intentionally setting two Denver churches on fire.

Paul Jackson (dob: 5-24-1985) is charged with three counts of *first-degree arson* (F3), *second-degree burglary* (F4) and *criminal mischief* (F4).

At approximately 3:30 a.m. on June 4, 2008, authorities responded to a fire at the Rocky Mountain Miracle Center located at 1939 S. Monroe St. Two hours later, authorities were notified of a second fire, less than three blocks away at the Church in Denver, located at 1900 S. Cook St. The charges allege that Jackson was responsible for starting both fires.

Jackson was arrested on June 4, 2008, and is currently being held in the Denver County Jail. His bond was set at \$50,000. Jackson is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, on June 11, 2008, at 9 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.

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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*