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MORE CHARGES FILED IN ROBBERY AND ASSAULT CASES

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged 21 more people in connection with a series of robberies and assaults that have taken place in recent months in Denver.

Blake Patton (dob: 01-08-91), **Geno West** (dob: 07-11-91) and **Donald Thomas** (dob: 12-03-86) are charged with *first-degree assault* (F3) *robbery* (F4) and *bias motivated crime* (F4) in connection with an assault and robbery that took place on August 11, 2009 at 13th Avenue and Pearl Street. The victim was transported to Denver Health Medical Center where he was in a coma for a period of time.

Ian Curwen (dob: 01-04-78) and **Xavier Francis** (dob: 01-19-89) are charged with *robbery* (F4) and *bias motivated crime* (F4) in connection with an incident on July 18, 2009 at 1810 Blake Street. The charges allege that the defendants attacked the victim and stole an undisclosed amount of money, a credit card and a cell phone.

Xavier Francis (dob: 01-19-89) and **George Wright** (dob: 07-30-89) are charged with *second-degree assault* (F4) and two counts of *bias motivated crime* (F4) in connection with an assault that took place at 1401 19th Street on August 2, 2009. The charges allege that Francis and Wright attacked victim and threw him through a glass window.

Ian Curwen (dob: 01-04-78), **Xavier Francis** (dob: 01-19-89), **Anthony Williams-Jones** (dob: 02-21-91), **Torrence McCall** (dob:10-27-83), and **Blake Patton** (dob:01-08-91) are charged with *robbery* (F4) and three counts of *bias motivated crime* (F4) in connection with an assault and robbery that took place at 1701 Market Street on August 16, 2009. The charges allege that the defendants attacked a man and then took his credit card. Williams is also charged with *possession of a financial transaction device* (F6).

David Littlejohn (dob: 09-11-91), **Rasheed Turner** (dob: 01-06-88), **Xavier Francis** (dob: 01-19-89), **Charles Penny** (dob: 02-15-90), **Landae Woods-King** (dob: 10-31-88), **Aaron Puller** (dob: 01-24-88), **Blake Patton** (dob: 01-08-91), **Donald Thomas** (dob:12-03-86), and **Stephon Allison-Smith** (dob: 01-20-89) are charged with *second-degree assault* (F4), *robbery* (F4) and *bias motivated crime* (F4) in connection with a robbery that took place at 1625 Larimer Street on August 23, 2009. The charges allege that the defendants attacked the victim and stole a credit card. **Penny** is also charged with *possession of a financial transaction device* (F6). **Allison-Smith** is also charged with *intimidating a witness* in a separate case.

Deven Cunningham (dob: 01-18-89), **Denita Mayfield** (dob: 01-16-86) and **Bertrande Uhde** (dob: 12-31-88) are charged with *attempted robbery* (F5) and *bias motivated crime* (F4) in connection with an attack that took place on August 30, 2009 at 19th Street and Blake Street. The charges allege that the defendants attacked the victim while trying to rob him.

Sherman James (dob: 03-17-83) and **Merkel Jones** (dob: 12-21-86) are charged with *robbery* (F4) and *third degree assault* (M1) in connection with an attack on November 18, 2009 at 16th Street and Stout Street.

These defendants are scheduled to appear in Denver District Courtroom 14 on Monday, November 30, 2009 at 1:30 for advisement.

One suspect, **Allen Ford**, (dob: 09-13-91) remains at large.

In addition to these charges, six juveniles have been charged as juveniles in connection with this series of crimes.

The nine defendants charged yesterday all appeared in Denver District Court today. They are now scheduled for a preliminary hearing on December 23, 2009 at 8:30 in Denver District Courtroom 14.

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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