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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **CHARGES FILED IN AGGRAVATED ROBBERY AND ASSAULTS CASES**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged nine people in connection with a series of robberies and assaults that have taken place in Denver over the past four months. These are the first of more than two dozen cases expected to be filed this week.

**Ashley Celestine** (02-05-1992) and **Christopher Rodney** (05-09-1991) are charged with *aggravated robbery* (F3) and *first-degree assault* (F3) in connection with an incident on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 1550 Broadway. The charges allege the defendants attacked a 25-year-old man from behind, knocked him unconscious, violently assaulted him, and stole his cell phone.

**Kavean McCloud** (08-07-1992) and **Alexander Bunting** (07-08-1991) are charged with *first-degree assault* (F3) and *conspiracy to commit first-degree assault* (F4) in connection with an incident on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 17<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets. The charges allege that **McCloud** assaulted a 24-year-old man on the corner of 17<sup>th</sup> and Market Street as part of an initiation process encouraged by **Bunting**. As a result of the attack, the victim suffered a head injury that included a skull fracture.

**Kendall Austin** (07-08-1991) and **Clarissa Lockhart** (12-19-1990) are charged with *attempted robbery* (F5), *bias-motivated crime* (F4), and *third-degree assault* (M1) in connection with an incident on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Welton Street. The charges allege that the defendants attacked two men in an attempted robbery.

**Nyeri Goff** (08-06-1991), **Landae Woods-King** (10-31-1988), and **Tabias Graves** (01-30-1991) are charged with *attempted robbery* (F5), *conspiracy to commit attempted robbery* (F5), and *third-degree assault* (M1) in connection with an incident on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Downing Street. The charges allege that the defendants attacked a man at the bus station in an attempt to rob him.

These defendants all remain in custody in the Denver County Jail; bond is set at \$1,000,000. They are scheduled to appear in Denver District Courtroom 14 tomorrow, Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at 8:30 am for advisement.

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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*

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