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MAN CHARGED IN PARKING LOT ROBBERY

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has charged a man accused of robbing an elderly woman who had just turned in a winning lottery ticket and was on her way home with her cash prize.

Leonard Bedon (dob: 12-09-76) is charged with *robbery of an at-risk adult* (F3) and *theft from an at-risk adult* (F5).

On September 17, 2009 at about 10:45 a.m. a 75-year-old woman was walking to her car in a grocery store parking lot when a man jumped out of a truck, grabbed her purse, and drove away. The woman had just turned in a winning lottery ticket. The charges allege that Bedon had been in line behind her in the store and knew she had turned in the ticket for cash. A witness was able to get a license plate number that led to Bedon's arrest late last week.

Bedon remains in custody in the Denver County Jail. His bond is set at \$50,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court on October 15, 2009 at 9 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.

The presumptive range for sentencing on a class 3 felony is up to 12 years in prison.

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