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MAN CHARGED IN '00 COLD CASE SEXUAL ASSAULT

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a young woman in December 2000 as part of the Cold Case Review Project.

Billy Lucero (dob: 12-26-71) is charged with two counts of *sexual assault with force* (F3) and two counts of *kidnapping* (F2).

On December 3, 2000, the victim, a 26-year-old woman, was walking in the Capitol Hill area when she was abducted by a man in a car. The charges allege that Lucero was that man, and that after he abducted the woman, he sexually assaulted her. She was later able to escape and call for help. The case was unsolved until August 2009 when the Denver police department's Cold Case Review Team was notified of a DNA match that led to the arrest of Lucero.

Lucero remains in custody in the Denver County Jail; his bond is set at \$500,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, on October 7, 2009 at 9 a.m. to be 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