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CHARGES FILED IN 1993 SEXUAL ASSAULT

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has filed charges today against a man accused of a brutal sexual assault in 1993. The case was successfully re-opened by the Denver Police Department's Cold Case Unit.

Gradie Miles (01-31-68) is charged with two counts of first-degree sexual assault (F3) and one count of sexual assault causing serious bodily injury (F2).

The victim was on her way home in September 1993 when she was grabbed by a man who ripped a wedding band off her hand. The charges allege that Miles beat and sexually assaulted the woman in the 1500 block alley between Xenia and Yosemite after she tried to get her ring back.

Denver detectives working with the Denver Crime Lab got a DNA match that led to the arrest of Miles after the case was reopened as part of the Cold Case Project. Miles remains in custody; his bond is set at \$100,000 in this case. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, at 9 a.m. on January 14, 2009 to be advised of the charges.

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The Cold Case DNA Project is an ongoing collaborative effort involving Denver Police detectives, the Denver Police Department Crime Lab and the Denver District Attorney's Office with grant funding through the National Institute of Justice.

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