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MAN CHARGED IN 1998 COLD CASE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a 33-year-old man in connection with a sexual assault case that occurred in 1998. The charges are the result of work by the Denver Police Department Cold Case Unit.

Christopher Dewayne Parra (dob: 06-16-75) is charged with six counts of *first-degree sexual assault* (F2) and two counts of *second-degree kidnapping* (F2).

The charges allege that in December 1998, Parra forced his way into a woman's home in Denver and sexually assaulted her repeatedly at knifepoint. The case was unsolved until recently when a DNA match identified Parra as a suspect. Denver's Fugitive Unit learned that Parra worked as an oil worker in Wyoming and he was arrested there on May 6, 2009. His next court date has not been scheduled yet.

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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