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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **STATUS UPDATES ON ROBBERY AND ASSAULT CASES**

Two of the defendants charged in a series of robberies and assaults in Denver last year have pleaded this week in Denver District Court; here is a status update on the cases –

**Ashley Celestine** (02-05-1992), charged earlier with *aggravated robbery* (F3) and *first-degree assault* (F3) in connection with a November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 incident at 1550 Broadway, pleaded guilty today to *second-degree assault* (F4). Celestine went to immediate sentencing and was sentenced to a two-year supervised deferred judgment. **Christopher Rodney** (05-09-1991) was also charged in this incident and is scheduled for a disposition hearing on April 27, 2010.

**Xavier Francis** (dob: 01-19-89) pleaded guilty yesterday to three counts of *bias-motivated crime* (F4). He was charged last year in four separate cases with robbery, assault and bias-motivated crime. His guilty pleas yesterday represent the victims in all four cases. He faces 2 to 12 years in Community Corrections when he is sentenced on June 22, 2010.

**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. McCloud is scheduled for a disposition/motions hearing on April 27, 2010. Bunting is scheduled for a disposition/motions hearing on May 3, 2010.

**Kendall Austin** (07-08-1991) and **Clarissa Lockhart** (12-19-1990) were 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. Austin is scheduled for a disposition/motions hearing on May 11, 2010. Lockhart pleaded guilty last month to attempted robbery and is scheduled to be sentenced on May 11, 2010.

**Nyeri Goff** (08-06-1991), **Landae Woods-King** (10-31-1988) and **Tabias Graves** (01-30-1991) were 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. Goff pleaded guilty earlier this month to attempted theft from a person (F6) and is scheduled to be sentenced June 1, 2010. Woods-King, who is also charged in an incident occurring August 23, 2009, is scheduled for a disposition/motions hearing on May 3, 2010. Graves is scheduled for a disposition/motions hearing on May 11, 2010.

**Blake Patton** (dob: 01-08-91), **Geno West** (dob: 07-11-91) and **Donald Thomas** (dob: 12-03-86) were charged with *first-degree assault* (F3) *robbery* (F4) and *bias motivated crime* (F4) in connection with an assault and robbery that took place on August 11, 2009 at 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Pearl Street. Patton, who is also charged in two other incidents, is scheduled for a disposition/motions hearing on June 15, 2010. West is scheduled for a disposition/motions hearing on May 4, 2010. Thomas, who is charged in a second case occurring August 23, 2009, is scheduled for a disposition/motions hearing on June 1, 2010.

**Ian Curwen** (dob: 01-04-78) is charged with *robbery* (F4) and *bias motivated crime* (F4) in connection with an incident on July 18, 2009 at 1810 Blake Street and an August 16, 2009 incident at 17<sup>th</sup> and Market. Curwen is scheduled for a disposition/motions hearing on April 26, 2010.

**George Wright** (dob: 07-30-89) is charged with *second-degree assault* (F4) and two counts of *bias motivated crime* (F4) in connection with an assault that took place at 1401 19<sup>th</sup> Street on August 2, 2009. Wright is scheduled for trial June 23, 2010.

**Anthony Williams-Jones** (dob: 02-21-91) and **Torrence McCall** (dob:10-27-83), were charged with *robbery* (F4) and three counts of *bias motivated crime* (F4) in connection with an assault and robbery that took place at 1701 Market Street on August 16, 2009. Williams-Jones was also charged with *possession of a financial transaction device* (F6) and pleaded guilty to that count earlier in April; he was sentenced to 2 years probation with 90 days in the Denver County jail. He was given 90 days credit for time served. McCall pleaded guilty earlier to theft from a person (F5) and was sentenced to 2 years probation.

**Charles Penny** (dob: 02-15-90), **Aaron Puller** (dob: 01-24-88) and **Stephon Allison-Smith** (dob: 01-20-89) have been charged with *third-degree assault* (M1), *robbery* (F4) and *bias motivated crime* (F4) in connection with a robbery that took place at 1625 Larimer Street on August 23, 2009. **Penny**, who was also charged with *possession of a financial transaction device* (F6) pleaded guilty earlier in April to robbery (F4) and is scheduled to be sentenced May 17, 2010. **Allison-Smith**, who is also charged with *intimidating a witness* in a separate case, is scheduled for trial on April 28, 2010.

**Deven Cunningham** (dob: 01-18-89), **Denita Mayfield** (dob: 01-16-86) and **Bertrande Uhde** (dob: 12-31-88) are charged with *attempted robbery* (F5) and *bias motivated crime* (F4) in connection with an attack that took place on August 30, 2009 at 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Blake Street. Cunningham is scheduled for a disposition/motions hearing on May 18, 2010. Mayfield is scheduled for a disposition hearing on April 27, 2010. Uhde is scheduled for trial May 19, 2010.

**James Sherman** (dob: 03-17-83) and **Merkel Jones** (dob: 12-21-86) were charged with *robbery* (F4) and *third degree assault* (M1) in connection with an attack on November 18, 2009 at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Stout Street. Sherman pleaded guilty last month to theft (F5) and is scheduled to be sentenced May 4, 2010. Jones is scheduled for a disposition/motions hearing on April 27, 2010.

**Allen Ford**, (dob: 09-13-91) was charged with aggravated robbery (F3) and bias-motivated crime (F4) in connection with an incident that happened August 2, 2010 and is also charged with robbery (F4), bias-motivated crime (F4) and third-degree assault in connection with an incident that occurred on August 23, 2009. Ford pleaded not guilty today and is scheduled for a disposition/motions hearing on June 15, 2010.