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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN CHARGED IN THEFT FROM ELDERLY**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a former insurance salesman accused of stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from elderly victims.

**Michael Mendenhall** (dob: 06-18-63) is charged with three counts of *theft from an at-risk adult* (F3).

The charges allege that Mendenhall took money from elderly victims and signed promissory notes saying the money would be used for real estate acquisition but used the money for his own personal gain instead.

The investigation is continuing and additional victims and charges are possible. Losses to victims are estimated to exceed \$1,000,000.

Mendenhall was arrested last Friday, November 12, 2010, and remains in custody in the Denver Detention Center; his bond is set at \$500,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on November 17, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. to be formally 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

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