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MAN CHARGED IN '98 COLD CASE SEXUAL ASSAULT

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of attempting to kidnap and sexually assault a young woman in December 1998. The charges are the result of the work of Denver's Cold Case Review Project.

Anthony West (dob: 08-08-76) is charged with *attempted second-degree kidnapping* (F3), *second-degree sexual assault* (F4), *attempted first-degree sexual assault* (F4), and *third-degree sexual assault* (M1).

The charges allege that on December 18, 1998, West kidnapped and sexually assaulted the victim, a 17-year-old woman, in the back of his car while parked behind an apartment building in the 600 block of South Dayton Street. She was able to later escape. The case remained unsolved until the Denver police department's Cold Case Review Team was notified of a DNA match that led to the identification and arrest of West.

West remains in custody in the Colorado Department of Corrections where he is currently serving a prison term for felony menacing and escape. A court appearance on the new charges has not yet been scheduled.

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.