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MAN CHARGED IN KIDNAPPING AT CHERRY CREEK MALL

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of carjacking a woman from the Cherry Creek Mall two weeks ago.

William Lornes (dob: 05-06-86) is charged with two counts of *second-degree kidnapping* (F2 and F3), *aggravated robbery* (F3), *first-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft* (F4) and *possession of a weapon by a previous offender* (F6).

The charges allege that on April 13, 2011, Lornes approached the victim in the parking garage at the Cherry Creek Mall and forced her to drive him around at gunpoint. The charges further allege that he forced her into the trunk of the car while he drove around. The victim was able to locate an emergency release inside the trunk and escape; she called police from a nearby convenience store.

Lornes was arrested later in Jefferson County and remains in custody in the Jefferson County Jail. He is scheduled to be formally advised of the Denver charges on May 12, 2011 in Denver County Courtroom 2100. He is on the 10:30 a.m. docket, which may be called up early if the 8:30 a.m. docket is completed early.

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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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