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### **CHARGES IN 2008 ATTEMPTED MURDER/SEXUAL ASSAULT COLD CASE**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man today who is accused in a brutal stranger attack on a woman in 2008. The charges are the result of Colorado's arrestee DNA law (Katie's Law) and the work of Denver's Cold Case Project.

**Manuel McGee** (dob: 06-24-80) is charged with *attempted first-degree murder* (F2), three counts of *sexual assault* (F3) and one count of *unlawful sexual contact with force* (F4).

The 32-year-old victim was walking home alone in the early morning hours of July 8, 2008 when she was attacked by an unknown man in an area near 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Decatur Street. She was sexually assaulted and nearly choked to death, but survived the attack and was able to reach her home following the attack. The case was unsolved until recently when Denver police detectives were alerted to a DNA match. McGee had been arrested in Lakewood in August for aggravated motor vehicle theft. His DNA was taken at the time of that felony arrest and submitted to CODIS.

McGee was arrested in connection with this case on last Friday, and remains in custody in the Denver Detention Center. His bond is set at \$250,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on Friday, November 4, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.

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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.*