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COACH CHARGED WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a 34-year-old school counselor and track coach with sexual assault.

Oscar Alejandro Ponce (dob: 09-17-77) is charged today with one count of *sexual assault on a child by one in a position of trust* (F4) and one count of *sexual assault on a child by one in a position of trust, pattern of abuse* (F3).

The charges allege that Ponce, a counselor and coach at Abraham Lincoln High School in Denver, unlawfully subjected a teenage student at the school to sexual contact on numerous occasions between December 2010 and May 2011.

Ponce, who is out on bond in this case, is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on December 28, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. to be formally advised of these charges.

However, as the investigation has continued, new information has been developed by Denver police detectives. Ponce is now currently wanted in connection with another arrest warrant issued late last week. Anyone with information about Ponce's whereabouts is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 720-913-7867 or text information to CRIMES (274637).

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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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