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DISTURBANCE ON PLANE RESULTS IN ASSAULT CHARGES

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of causing a disturbance on board an airplane that was scheduled to depart from DIA three weeks ago.

Thaddeus Rule (dob: 09-11-79) was charged earlier this week with two counts of *second-degree assault on a peace officer* (F4). These felony charges will take the place of municipal charges that were originally filed in connection with this case.

On Friday, April 8, 2011, at about 10 p.m., Denver police responded to a reported disturbance on board an airplane on the B concourse at DIA. Responding officers were informed that a passenger was causing a disturbance and was not going to be allowed to fly.

The charges allege that Rule refused repeated requests to leave the plane and assaulted the two police officers who had responded. Rule was eventually handcuffed with assistance from a pilot and passengers and was taken into custody.

Rule has been released from custody on a \$3,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on May 5, 2011 at 1:30 p.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