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ASSAULT ARREST LEADS TO SERIAL RAPE CHARGES

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a 47-year-old man accused of a series of rapes dating back to 2008. The charges were filed last Friday.

William Costello (dob: 01-05-65) is charged with two counts of second-degree kidnapping (F2), two counts of sexual assault on a child (F2), three counts of sexual assault (F3) and two counts of impersonating a peace officer (F6).

Costello was arrested and charged in July 2012 with assault on an at-risk adult following a confrontation between Costello and a man collecting petition signatures. Costello's DNA was taken at the time of his arrest pursuant to Katie's Law, and was then linked to three unsolved sexual assault cases occurring in 2008, 2010, and 2011.

The charges allege that Costello sexually assaulted a 13-year-old girl in March 2008, a 22-year-old woman in August 2010, and a 49-year-old woman in September 2011. The charges further allege that in the latter attacks Costello claimed he was a police officer.

Costello remains in custody in the Denver Detention Center; his bond is set at \$200,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges against him.

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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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