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NEW CASE FILED AGAINST MAN ACCUSED OF SERIAL RAPE CHARGES

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a 47-year-old man accused of a series of cold-case rapes with a new case today.

William Costello (dob: 01-05-65) is charged today with second-degree kidnapping (F2) and two counts of sexual assault (F3) in connection with an assault that took place in July 2011.

The charges allege that on July 30, 2011, Costello assaulted a 31-year-old woman in the area of 16th and Steele Street in Denver. The two were acquainted with each other through a mutual friend.

Costello was first 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.

Costello was released from custody; his bond was set at \$100,000 in this new case. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on March 14, 2013, at 1:30 a.m. to be formally advised of the latest 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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