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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **TWO CHARGED IN SEX TRAFFICKING**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man and woman accused of forcing an adult woman into prostitution. The charges are the result of the recent FBI undercover operation that focused on sex trafficking involving children.

**Edwin J. Coriano** (dob: 10-13-76) and **Alena E. Rust** (dob: 04-25-92) are each charged with *trafficking in adults* (F3), *pimping* (F3), and *pandering* (F5).

The charges allege that they brought a 28-year-old woman from Missouri to Denver and forced her to perform acts of prostitution. Coriano and Rust were arrested on June 19, 2014 at a Denver motel after the Innocence Lost Task Force identified a possible victim through an ad on Backpage.com and set up a sting.

Both Coriano and Rust remain in custody; their bond is set at \$10,000 each. They were formally advised of the charges yesterday and are now scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on July 15, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. for a preliminary hearing.

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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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