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WOMAN CHARGED IN ROBBERY/CAR THEFT

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a woman in connection with a robbery and car theft in December; she is suspected in a string of similar robberies from Denver to Colorado Springs.

Cathy Begano (12-21-58) is charged with one count of robbery of an at-risk adult (F3), one count of identity theft (F4), and one count of first-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft (F5).

The charges allege that on December 16, 2014, Begano robbed a 70-year-old woman as she was unloading groceries from the trunk of her car. Begano is accused of hitting the victim with a wrench, stealing her purse and then fleeing in a stolen car.

Begano is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on March 6, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., for her second advisement. She is currently in custody in El Paso County on other 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