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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **THREE CHARGED WITH SEPARATE ASSAULTS ON OFFICERS**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged two men and a woman with assault charges in three separate incidents involving assaults on a peace officer or first responder.

**Anthony Dennis** (02-07-90) is charged with second-degree assault on a peace officer (F4) in connection with allegations that on July 18, 2015, he refused to return to his jail cell following a disturbance and spit in the face of a sheriff's deputy.

**Michael Francis** (10-19-92) is charged with second-degree assault on a peace officer (F4) following allegations that as he was being booked into the Denver Detention Center on July 19, 2015, he became upset about not being able to use a phone and punched a sheriff's deputy and then scratched him and ripped his uniform.

**Amber Groessel** (dob: 11-18-90) is charged with second-degree assault (F4) and third-degree assault (M1) following allegations that while resisting efforts to take her to the hospital on July 19, 2015, she assaulted two emergency medical service providers as she hit them, spit on them and scratched them.

Dennis remains in custody with several pending cases; his bond on the new assault charge is \$50,000. Francis remains in custody on a hold from another jurisdiction; his bond on the new assault charge is \$10,000. And Groessel remains in custody; her bond is set at \$10,000. They are scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on July 24, 2015, at 8 a.m. to be formally advised.

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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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