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## ***NEWS RELEASE*** –

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### **CHARGES FILED IN 1999 COLD CASE SEXUAL ASSAULT**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of sexually assaulting a pregnant woman in 1999.

**Roberto Valenzuela** (dob: 06-07-55) is charged with *second-degree kidnapping* (F2) and *first-degree sexual assault* (F3).

The charges allege that in November 1999, Valenzuela offered a ride to a woman and sexually assaulted her in his car. The victim, who told police that she was out walking late at night after having a fight with her boyfriend, was 5 months pregnant at the time of the assault.

Valenzuela was identified as a suspect through the work of Denver's Cold Case Project. He was arrested earlier this week and remains in custody. His bond is set at \$250,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on Friday, September 23, 2016, at 8:00 a.m., to be formally advised of the 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