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CHARGES FILED AGAINST MAN IN ALLEGED SEXUAL ASSAULT

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally charged a man in connection with an alleged sexual assault near downtown Denver last week.

Abel Fitum (dob: 03-19-1995) is charged with one count of *second degree kidnapping* (F2), two counts of *sexual assault* (F3), and two counts of *unlawful sexual contact* (F4). The charges were filed today.

At approximately 9:15 p.m. the night of May 2, 2017, the defendant is accused of sexually assaulting the victim as she was walking in the area of Speer Boulevard and Little Raven Street. After the sexual assault, Fitum allegedly threw the victim over the railing of the stairs leading from Speer to Little Raven. Witnesses called the police and the defendant was arrested on site.

Fitum is scheduled to appear in Denver county courtroom 2100 on May 10, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. for 2nd advisement.

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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