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**DENVER SHERIFF’S OFFICER CHARGED IN ALLEGED UNLAWFUL USE OF
FORCE AGAINST JAIL INMATE**

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally charged a Denver’s Sheriff’s officer for an alleged assault of a Denver city jail inmate.

Denver Sheriff’s Department Sergeant Randolph Romero (dob: 09-06-1966) is charged with *third-degree assault* (M1). Romero was charged today.

On March 18, 2017, Romero allegedly physically took an inmate down to the ground without evident cause inside an elevator at the Van Cise-Simonet Downtown Detention Center. The inmate was handcuffed and wearing a spit hood at the time. Two other Sheriff’s deputies were also inside the elevator at the time but were not involved in the alleged assault. The inmate allegedly suffered a wrist injury during the takedown.

Investigators from the Denver District Attorney’s Office initiated the investigation, joined by investigators from the Denver Police Department.

Romero is scheduled to appear on September 5, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. in Denver County Courtroom 4C for arraignment.

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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