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CHARGES DISMISSED AGAINST MAN IN ASSAULT OF RTD BUS DRIVER

The Denver District Attorney's Office filed a motion yesterday requesting that charges filed against a man last week be dismissed.

Eduardo Rodriguez (dob: 06-25-1988) was charged February 28 with two counts of *endangering public transportation* (F3) and one count of *assault in the second degree* (F4) in connection with an alleged February 23, 2017, assault of an RTD bus driver at S. Federal Boulevard and W. Mississippi Avenue after two other suspects refused to pay the bus fare. Rodriguez did not initiate the alleged assault and further review of the evidence collected led to a determination that the charges against Mr. Rodriguez for his intervention in the fight should be dismissed. They were dismissed yesterday.

Prosecutors have an ethical duty to dismiss charges if they determine there is no longer sufficient evidence to prove a case beyond reasonable doubt.

The two other defendants, **Deanne Y Sandoval** (dob: 05-04-1971) and **Destiny Sandoval** (dob: 08-19-1991) remain charged with three counts of *endangering public transportation* (F3), one count of *bias motivated crime* (F4), and one count of *assault in the second degree* (F4).