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THREE CHARGED IN ASSAULT ON RTD BUS DRIVER

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has charged two women and a man in connection with assault of an RTD bus driver.

Deanne Y Sandoval (dob: 05-04-1971) and **Destiny Sandoval** (dob: 08-19-1991) are each 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). **Eduardo Rodriguez** (dob: 06-25-1988) is charged with two counts of *endangering public transportation* (F3) and one count of *assault in the second degree* (F4). Charges against all three were filed on February 28, 2017.

The charges allege that early in the evening of February 23, 2017, Deanne Sandoval and Destiny Sandoval got on the RTD bus at the intersection of S. Federal Boulevard and W. Mississippi Avenue and refused to pay the bus fare. The victim, an African American bus driver, asked them to exit but they refused. The two women subsequently physically assaulted him. Another passenger on the bus, Eduardo Rodriguez, began assaulting the victim as well, hitting the victim hard enough against the windshield of the bus to break the glass. Denver Police responded to the scene upon receiving report of the fight. The three defendants were taken into custody and the victim was transported to Denver Health for his injuries.

Bond was set for each at \$50,000. The defendants appeared in Denver County Court today for 2nd advisement. All three are next scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on March 23, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. for preliminary hearings.