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MAN CHARGED WITH ASSAULT OF TWO DENVER WOMEN

One victim sexually assaulted; 2nd victim assaulted

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally charged a man with the March assaults of two women.

Johnny Harris (dob: 03-07-1970) is charged with ten offenses: two counts of *sexual assault* (F2), two counts of *second degree assault* (F4), one count of *second degree kidnapping* (F2), two counts of *menacing* (F5), two counts of *third degree assault* (M1), and one count of *criminal attempt to commit sexual assault* (F3). Charges were filed last Friday.

The charges allege that on March 26, 2018, the defendant offered a ride to a woman, then pulled into a parking lot near the S. Platte River in the vicinity of Florida Avenue where he threatened her with a knife, physically assaulted her and, after the victim attempted to escape, sexually assaulted her. With the victim still in the car, the defendant then drove away. When he stopped at a nearby convenience store, the victim escaped.

The charges further allege that on March 27, 2018, defendant entered a store on Broadway, began talking to a store employee and then physically assaulted her, threatening her with a knife. The victim was able to fight him off, suffering a knife cut injury to her hand, and the defendant fled from the store.

Arrest warrants were issued in both incidents. Denver Police twice issued a Crime Stoppers bulletin and a news release in April alerting the public and asking for help in his apprehension.

The defendant is scheduled to appear on August 13, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 2300 for 2nd advisement.