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DENVER POLICE OFFICER CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally charged a Denver policer officer in connection with an alleged unlawful use of force incident.

Denver Police Sergeant **Joseph Rodarte** (dob: 01-03-1968) is charged with one count of *second degree assault* (F4). He was charged today.

The charge alleges that, while on duty on August 22, 2018, after responding to an initial dispatch about a male yelling obscenities and in the course of pursuing and apprehending the suspect, Officer Rodarte approached and struck the male several times with his metal police baton, resulting in a broken nose, a broken leg, and other injuries.

Rodarte is scheduled to appear on October 29, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. in courtroom 2300 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