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Denver DA Beth McCann Statement on the Passing of Norm Early

DENVER – This morning Colorado’s first black prosecutor, Norm Early died from complications of diabetes and medical issues. Early was Colorado’s first Black prosecutor and served as a chief deputy district attorney for the Denver DA’s Office before being appointed to DA in 1983, a position he held until 1993. He was a leading advocate of victims’ rights and was the president of the National Organization for Victim Assistance. He was instrumental in starting the National Black Prosecutors Association and the Sam Cary Bar Association. He was recognized locally and nationally as a leader in advocating for Black lawyers to become prosecutors.

The following statement is to be attributed to Denver District Attorney Beth McCann.

“Norm was a giant in the Denver DA’s office and whenever he was giving a closing argument, we all cleared our schedules to be able to watch. Norm was always passionate about victims of crime and made their well-being a cornerstone of his time as district attorney. He was also a personal friend of mine; a man I respected very much. I will miss him.”