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CHARGES FILED IN '97 COLD CASE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man in connection with a 1997 kidnapping and sexual assault.

Willie Trimble (dob: 02-13-62) is charged with four counts of *sexual assault* (F3) and one count of *second-degree kidnapping* (F2).

Trimble, who is scheduled for trial in April in a separate murder/sexual assault case, is accused of grabbing a 34-year-old woman in April 1997 and sexually assaulting her behind a home in the 700 block of East 23rd Avenue. The case was reopened as part of the Cold Case Project and Trimble was identified as a suspect through DNA.

Trimble remains in custody in the Denver County Jail where he has been held without bond on the unrelated case. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, on February 4, 2009 at 9 a.m. to be advised of the charges.

The Cold Case DNA Project is an ongoing collaborative effort involving Denver Police detectives, the Denver Police Department Crime Lab and the Denver District Attorney's Office with grant funding through the National Institute of Justice.