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MAN CHARGED IN '00 COLD CASE SEXUAL ASSAULT

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a woman in November of 2000. The charges are the result of the work of Denver's Cold Case Review Project.

Leonard Loftin (dob: 02-12-55) is charged with *second-degree kidnapping* (F2) and *sexual assault* (F3).

The charges allege that on November 24, 2000, Loftin grabbed and pulled the victim, a 42-year-old woman, into a dark area in the 1500 block of Pearl Street, where he pushed the victim to the ground and sexually assaulted her. She was later able to escape. The case remained unsolved until the Denver Police Department's Cold Case Review Team was notified of a DNA match that led to the identification and arrest of Loftin.

Loftin remains in the custody of the Department of Corrections where he is serving a sentence for escape. His bond in this new case is set at \$200,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 472W on February 24, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. for a second advisement.

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.