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MAN CHARGED IN SERIES OF SALON THEFTS

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man suspected of using young children as a decoy to gain access to salons and spas in order to steal employee and customer belongings.

John Manuel Vallez (dob: 07-13-82) is charged with *contributing to the delinquency of a minor* (F4) and *theft* (M2) in one case that was filed today.

These charges allege that on April 25, 2010, 27-year-old Vallez entered a business at 201 Steele Street through a back hallway entrance and rummaged through property in a break room, stealing several items. The charges further allege he had a young boy accompany him.

Vallez is a suspect in a series of similar thefts in which a man would enter a business and ask if the child he was accompanying could use the restroom. After being allowed access to the restroom, employees reported their personal belongings such as wallets and cell phones were missing. Investigation into the thefts began in April of 2010 and additional charges are possible.

Vallez remains in custody of the Denver City Jail. His bond is set at \$25,000. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 472W, at 10:30 a.m. on June 4, 2010, to be formally advised of the charges.

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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*

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