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MAN CHARGED IN SEXUAL ASSAULT COLD CASE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of sexually assaulting a woman almost 20 years ago. The charges are the result of work by Denver's Cold Case Project.

Donald R. Shores (dob: 04-26-58) has been charged with *aggravated sexual assault* (F2) and *crime of violence* (SE).

The charges allege that Shores assaulted and raped a 67-year-old woman on September 6, 1994, in the 2000 block of Colorado Boulevard. The victim passed away in 2000 from cancer, but DNA collected at the time was connected to Shores this past January following an arrest in Texas on a drug charge.

Shores has been arrested in Temple, Texas and faces extradition back to Colorado. His bond is set at \$250,000.

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The Cold Case DNA Project is an ongoing collaborative effort between 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.

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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