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Former Broomfield Gymnastics Coach Charged with Sexual Assault on a Child

17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young today announced that multiple counts of sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust have been filed against Robert Edward Barke (DOB 06/19/80).

The charges allege that Barke sexually assaulted two juvenile males from October 2004 to June 2007 while he was their gymnastics coach at Xtreme Altitude Gymnastics in Broomfield. The victims were ages 12 and 14 at the time the alleged assaults began.

Barke waived his right to a preliminary hearing Wednesday and was bound over for trial in Broomfield County District Court. He will be arraigned June 20 at 8:30 a.m. in Division A.

Barke is charged with sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust, sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust as a pattern of abuse, sexual assault on a child and unlawful sexual contact concerning the two victims.

Barke, who now lives in Houston, Texas, was arrested March 27, 2013. He was released on \$100,000 bond. Barke previously was a gymnastics coach in Grand Junction.

The Broomfield Police Department is seeking information about other potential witnesses or victims who have not yet come forward. Anyone with information should contact Detective Dale Hammell at 303-464-5733.

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