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**Assistant Pastor Charged with Sexual Assault on a Child**

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Monday that sexual assault charges have been filed against an assistant pastor at Agape Bible Church in Thornton.

Robert Duane Wyatt (DOB 02/09/66) is charged with one count of sexual assault on a child, one count of sexual assault on a child as a pattern of conduct and one count of sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust.

The charges allege that Wyatt sexually assaulted a girl, now 14, whose family attended the church at 8761 Huron Street in Thornton. The girl reported that the conduct had been going on for nearly two years, beginning when she was 12.

Wyatt surrendered to the Adams County Sheriff's Office on Monday afternoon. His bond is set at \$20,000.

Thornton police are asking that anyone with information about Wyatt call the Thornton Police Department Tip Line at 720-977-5069.

The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual committed a crime under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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