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**Westminster High School Teacher Charged with Sexual Assault**

District Attorney Dave Young announced Tuesday the filing of charges of sexual assault on a child against Westminster High School teacher Benjamin Forbes.

Forbes (DOB 09/08/86) is charged with one count of sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust (F4) and one count of sexual assault on a child as a pattern of abuse (F3).

The complaint alleges that the sexual contact took place between August 1 and December 1, 2016.

Forbes was formally advised of the charges Tuesday afternoon. A preliminary hearing is set for 2:30 p.m. February 8 in Division 7 of Adams County Court.

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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