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**Man Arrested and Charged with Attempted Murder in Commerce City  
Sexual Assault Cold Case**

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Monday that Dionicio Ramos-Ascencio has been arrested and charged in a 1992 sexual assault case.

He is charged with multiple counts of sexual assault, attempted first-degree murder, assault and burglary in the attack on a woman at her residence in the 7200 block of E. 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Commerce City on July 26, 1992. According to the charging documents, the victim was stabbed in the neck, beaten and sexually assaulted. The attacker fled.

Ramos-Ascencio (DOB 02-12-1960) was arrested May 9 in the cold case after DNA collected in a 2017 Denver felony case matched DNA collected from the victim in 1992.

He is charged with two counts of first-degree aggravated sexual assault (F2), one count of attempted first-degree murder (F2), two counts of first-degree burglary (F3), two counts of second-degree assault (F4) and two counts of crime of violence, a sentencing enhancer.

Ramos-Ascencio was formally advised of the charges Friday in Adams County District Court. A preliminary hearing is set for 2 p.m. May 31 in Division 5 of Adams County Court. He is held on \$500,000 bond.

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. See Colo. RPC 3.6.

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