

# DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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**WHAT: Douglas County Sheriff's Office Special Victim and High Tech Crime Unit Make Arrest in Internet Sex Assault Case: Arrest 25 Year Old Male from Denver Colorado**

**NARRATIVE:** DOUGLAS COUNTY, CO – The Douglas County Sheriff's Office was advised of a sexual assault that occurred on October 30, 2005 at a residence in Highlands Ranch Colorado that involved a 15 year old female and a 25 year old male. Investigators were advised that the suspect contacted the victim on the Internet and began to communicate with her online for about a week prior to the incident. Through continued online contact, the suspect was able to find where the victim lived.

The investigation revealed that the suspect met with the victim on October 30, 2005 at the family home. This occurred when no other family were present. The suspect sexually assaulted the victim without her consent.

The victim did not know the suspect's identity at the time of the incident. Douglas County Sheriff's Office investigators were able to re-establish communication with the suspect by assuming the victim's online identity. A time was scheduled when the suspect believed he would be meeting with the victim at a location within Douglas County.

On November 1, 2005, the suspect did arrive and was met by investigators from the Sheriff's Office. The suspect, who was later identified as James Edward Morris, 01-18-80 of Denver, Colorado was arrested for sexual assault (18-3-402 (1) Class 4 Felony) and was booked into the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility.

Morris is currently housed at the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility, where his bond is \$100,000.

A booking photograph of Morris is available upon request.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office actively pursues criminal(s) who prey upon the children of our community. Over the last 4 years, forty-two suspects have been arrested by the Sheriff Office High Tech Crime Unit for incidents involving the Internet being utilized by criminals to victimize children.

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