

DNA nails a rapist and father of four 20 years after the attack

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A father of four was convicted of a rape going back 20 years yesterday after a DNA breakthrough.

Supermarket worker Keith Davison denied attacking a waitress aged 24 in 1990.

But DNA taken from his eldest daughter during an unrelated public order matter in 2006 revealed a link.

This was then a billion to one match to a voluntary sample from Davison.

Davison, 52, of Ryde, Isle of Wight, admitted once having extra-marital sex near a lake where the attack happened.

But he denied the rape. He told Portsmouth crown court: "I have no explanation for the DNA evidence."

Davison was convicted after a four-day trial.

Sentence was adjourned for six weeks and Davison was remanded in custody. He was warned to expect a "considerable sentence".

Det Sgt David Pilbeam said: "Rape is a terrible crime. Police will never give up on bringing those responsible to justice using the latest forensic advances."

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