

Cold case solved by DNA

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Denver police announced today that they have solved a cold case involving the beating and rape of a 48-year-old woman in 1994 that left her paralyzed.

Their suspect is Benjamin F. Anderson, 31, who will face charges of first-degree sexual assault and second-degree kidnapping.

Anderson already is incarcerated in the Colorado Department of Corrections for an unrelated sex assault and robbery.

He is scheduled to appear June 8 in Denver District Court to be advised of these recent charges, police said.

A cold case detective with the assistance of the department's crime lab found a positive DNA link between evidence involved in the 1994 rape and the suspect, police said.

On the morning of April 16, 1994, the victim was stopped at a convenience store in the 4500 block of Steele Street on her way to work.

A man approached her, asked for a ride and got into her car before she could refuse. He sexually assaulted and beat her and left her paralyzed in her car, parked on railroad tracks.

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