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PRISON SENTENCE FOR MAN WHO ATTACKED STRANGER

A man who brutally attacked and stabbed a woman as she was putting groceries into her car has been sentenced to a lengthy term in prison.

Michael O'Shaughnessy (dob: 07-19-56) was given 58 years in the Department of Corrections today for the attempted murder, assault and attempted robbery of a woman in a grocery store parking lot at Colorado and Yale in September 2004. A jury found O'Shaughnessy guilty in February.

Denver Deputy DA Daniel Fortune stood with the 55-year-old victim as she spoke at today's sentencing hearing. Fortune painted a picture of a dangerous man who chose the victim at random and yet planned his attack carefully, saying he should be considered a risk to the community if he is ever free again.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. *See* Colo. RPC 3.6