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JURY RETURNS GUILTY VERDICTS IN COLD CASE RAPE

A Denver jury deliberated less than two hours before returning guilty verdicts in the sexual assault and kidnapping trial of a man accused in a 1996 attack.

Wayne Glasser (dob: 12-14-66) was found guilty today of *first-degree sexual assault with force* (F2), *aggravated first-degree sexual assault with threats* (F2) and *second-degree kidnapping* (F2).

Glasser parked a van in the 3100 block of 14th Avenue on November 27, 1996 and waited for the victim, a 25-year-old woman, to walk by on her way home from work. He grabbed her at gunpoint, forced her into the van, drove into a nearby alley and assaulted her.

The case was unsolved until Denver police detectives and Denver crime lab scientists working with the Denver Cold Case Project identified Glasser through crime scene DNA. He was serving a sentence in the Colorado Department of Corrections. The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Michelle Amico and Deputy District Attorney Dawn Weber.

Glasser is scheduled to be sentenced on January 20, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in Denver District Courtroom 18.

The Cold Case DNA Project is an ongoing collaborative effort involving Denver Police detectives, the Denver Police Department Crime Lab and the Denver District Attorney's Office with grant funding through the National Institute of Justice.