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SERIAL RAPIST SENTENCED TO 120 YEARS IN PRISON

A Denver District Court judge denied a defense motion to withdraw a guilty plea and sentenced a serial rapist to 120 years in prison today.

Michael Lollis (DOB: 11-20-1964) pleaded guilty earlier to six counts of sexual assault (F2) and two counts of attempted sexual assault (F3). Denver District Court Judge William Robbins sentenced him to 120 years in prison as stipulated in the guilty plea agreement. He also found that Lollis is a sexually violent predator.

Lollis was identified as a suspect in January 2008 when his DNA was linked to 9 sexual assaults (three in Denver and six in Arapahoe County). The Denver assaults took place in the Capitol Hill, Country Club, north Washington Park and Mayfair neighborhoods. Lollis concealed his identity during the attacks by wearing a ski mask and was only later identified through DNA.

Denver Deputy DA Dawn Weber handled the case and noted with District Attorney Mitch Morrissey that Lollis is one of the most prolific sexual predators that we have seen in the metro area in the last few years. Morrissey acknowledged that the combination of outstanding police work and DNA technology successfully brought him to justice and made the community a safer place.