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### **GUILTY PLEA IN COLD CASE SEXUAL ASSAULT**

A man accused of physically attacking a woman and then sexually assaulting her after paralyzing her has pleaded guilty in connection with the brutal attack today.

**Benjamin Anderson** (dob: 05-04-75) has pleaded guilty to one count of *first-degree sexual assault-crime of violence* (F2) and one count of *second-degree kidnapping-related to sexual assault* (F2). In exchange for his guilty plea, an additional count of *first degree sexual assault* (F2) was dismissed.

The attack happened in April of 1994 when Anderson forced himself into the victim's car and made her drive to a remote location in Denver. After the attack, he fled the scene leaving the victim stranded in her car on railroad tracks.

Anderson was serving a 14-year sentence for a 1995 case of sexual assault and robbery when he was linked to this case through Denver's Cold Case Project.

The victim, who remains paralyzed from the attack, was present at the hearing today with her family.

Sentencing will be in courtroom 17 on September 10, 2007 at 1:30. Anderson faces up to 80 years in prison.

