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MAXIMUM SENTENCE HANDED DOWN IN COLD CASE SEX ASSAULT

A man accused of physically attacking a woman and then sexually assaulting her after paralyzing her has been given the maximum possible prison sentence under the guilty plea agreement.

Benjamin Anderson (dob: 05-04-75) was sentenced to 80 years in prison for his earlier guilty plea to one count of *first-degree sexual assault, crime of violence* (F2) and one count of *second-degree kidnapping- related to sexual assault* (F2).

Anderson will presumably spend the rest of his life in prison for an attack that happened in April of 1994. 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. The victim remains paralyzed from the attack.

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, a joint project of the Denver Police Department and the Denver District Attorney's Office. Denver Deputy District Attorney Dawn Weber, who prosecuted the case, argued for the maximum possible sentence.