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BARRON SENTENCED TO MAXIMUM

A Denver “cold case” defendant who was recently convicted in the brutal sexual assault of a 27-year-old woman will spend the rest of his life in prison.

Laverne Barron (dob: 03-12-55) was given the maximum sentence possible – 72 years in prison.

In July 1996, Barron broke into the home of a 27-year-old woman and attacked her at knifepoint. He was not identified as a suspect at the time and the case remained unsolved. Barron was later arrested and convicted of burglary in a separate case in 2006 and was sentenced to 48 years in prison. He was required to provide his DNA by the Colorado Department of Corrections and was linked to the 1996 sexual assault case through a CODIS hit.

On Monday, April 23, 2007, Barron appeared in Denver District Court for sentencing. Denver Deputy District Attorney Dawn Weber presented evidence that Barron is an habitual criminal and the court agreed, allowing the judge to sentence Barron to three times the maximum presumptive range of 24 years, resulting in the 72-year sentence. The judge ordered the sentence to be served consecutive to the 48 years he currently serving.