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### **COLD CASE RAPIST PLEADS GUILTY**

A man who broke into a woman's apartment and sexually assaulted her in 1992 has pleaded guilty today in connection with the case.

**Michael Hicks** (DOB: 05-24-56) pleaded guilty as charged to two counts of *first-degree sexual assault* (F2) in the August 21, 1992 attack on a 32-year-old woman. The victim was awakened in her home in the 1200 block of South Clermont Street by a man standing at the foot of her bed. He was armed with a knife and sexually assaulted her.

Hicks was not identified as a suspect at the time but he was later incarcerated in the Colorado Department of Corrections for a separate case of sexual assault and burglary out of Arapahoe County and was required to provide his DNA to the CODIS databank. The Denver assault was reviewed as part of Denver's Cold Case DNA project and resulted in the identification and prosecution of Hicks. The Cold Case 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.

The case is being prosecuted by Denver Deputy District Attorney Dawn Weber and is scheduled for sentencing on February 19, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in Denver District Courtroom 16.