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### **COLD CASE SEX OFFENDER GETS MAXIMUM PRISON TIME**

A serial rapist who preyed upon older women has been sentenced to 48 years in prison today, the maximum amount of prison time possible under the terms of a guilty plea agreement, and he will most likely spend the rest of his life in the Department of Corrections.

**Blias Reddin** (dob: 03-23-65) pleaded guilty late last year to two counts of first-degree sexual assault in connection with a series of attacks that had gone unsolved until Denver's Cold Case Project linked him to the investigation. He also pleaded guilty earlier to a separate count of second-degree sexual assault in another case.

Reddin viciously assaulted an 84-year-old woman in her home in May 1994. He then broke into the home of a 56-year-old woman twice, in June and August 1994, sexually assaulting her both times. Investigators at the time exhausted all leads without identifying a suspect.

The case was reviewed as part of the Cold Case Project, a collaborative effort with the Denver Police Department and the Denver DA's Office funded by the National Institute of Justice. DNA evidence that was retained from each of the crimes was developed and the DNA profile was uploaded to the CODIS database. Reddin, who had been convicted of two unrelated assault cases, had been required to submit his DNA to the database after being sentenced to the Department of Corrections.

Although the 84-year-old victim passed away several years ago, the conclusion of the case today brings relief and gratitude for the 56-year-old victim who was attacked twice by Reddin.