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COLD CASE RAPIST GETS 40 YEAR SENTENCE

A man who pleaded guilty to a 1995 sexual assault has been sentenced to 40 years in prison today.

James Scott (dob: 07-19-61) pleaded guilty earlier to first-degree sexual assault in connection with an attack on a woman in the 3300 block of Monroe Street in January 1995.

Denver Deputy DA Diane Balkin and Deputy DA Dawn Weber asked for the maximum possible sentence of 48 years, arguing that Scott, a repeat offender, is a dangerous person. The judge ultimately sentenced Scott to 40 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections and ordered that it be served consecutive to a lengthy prison term Scott is currently serving in New York. He will be returned to New York to continue serving that sentence.

Scott was identified as a suspect in the 95 case when it was re-opened as part of Denver's Cold Case Project. He remains a suspect in a 1979 murder that occurred in Denver.

The Cold Case DNA 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.