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MAN GETS 60 YEARS IN COLD CASE RAPE

A man found guilty last November in the sexual assault and kidnapping of a young woman in a 1996 attack has been sentenced to prison today.

Wayne Glasser (dob: 12-14-66) was found guilty earlier of *first-degree sexual assault with force* (F2), *aggravated first-degree sexual assault with threats* (F2) and *second-degree kidnapping* (F2).

Denver District Court Judge John Madden today sentenced Glasser to a total of 60 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections (30 years for the combined counts of sexual assault and 30 years for the kidnapping count).

Glasser parked a van in the 3100 block of 14th Avenue on November 27, 1996 and waited for the victim, a 25-year-old woman, to walk by on her way home from work. He grabbed her at gunpoint, forced her into the van, drove into a nearby alley and assaulted her.

The case was unsolved until Denver police detectives and Denver crime lab scientists working with the Denver Cold Case Project identified Glasser through crime scene DNA. He was serving a sentence in the Colorado Department of Corrections at the time.

The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Michelle Amico and Deputy District Attorney Dawn Weber who had argued for the maximum of 96 years in prison.

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.