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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **SERIAL RAPIST PLEADS GUILTY**

A prolific serial rapist pleaded guilty in Denver today to multiple counts of sexual assault. These assaults began in December 2004 and spanned a nine-month time frame ending in July 2005.

**Michael Lollis** (DOB: 11-20-1964) pleaded guilty today to three counts of completed sexual assault and one count of attempt to commit sexual assault. These pleas were in exchange for a prison term of 120 years to life.

Lollis was identified as the perpetrator of the Denver crimes on January 31, 2008 when his DNA was linked to nine completed sexual assaults (three in Denver and six in Arapahoe County). Because of a law that went into effect in July 2007 that required all Colorado felons to provide DNA samples, Lollis' DNA had been placed in a nationwide DNA database in 2008 after he was convicted of felony forgery. The Denver sexual assaults took place in the Capitol Hill, Country Club, north Washington Park and Mayfair neighborhoods. Lollis concealed his identity during the attacks by wearing a ski mask to cover his face. But for the DNA match from the nationwide database, the Denver Police Department could not have identified and arrested Lollis and he would have remained at large.

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has said, "Lollis is one of the most prolific sexual predators we have seen in our community in the last few years. This is another example of how good police work and DNA technology helps bring sexual predators to justice."

In today's plea hearing, Lollis received two sentencing dates. The earliest is set for September 30, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in Denver District Court Courtroom 10. The second, alternative hearing date is scheduled for November 13, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in the same courtroom.