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COLD CASE RAPIST SENTENCED

A man convicted of murder for sexually assaulting a woman and leaving her to die of exposure has pleaded guilty in connection with a second cold case and has been sentenced to life in prison.

Willie Trimble (dob: 02-13-62) was convicted last week of first-degree murder and sexual assault. Today he also pleaded guilty to attempted kidnapping with an underlying sexual assault (F5) in connection with a 1997 sexual assault that was solved as part of Denver's Cold Case Project.

He was sentenced to life in prison without parole for the murder, and was given an additional 3 years in prison, concurrent, on the additional guilty plea.

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.