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MAN GETS 192 YEARS IN COLD CASE SEXUAL ASSAULT

A 34-year-old man convicted earlier this spring of sexually assaulting a woman in 1998 has been given the maximum prison sentence.

Christopher Dewayne Parra (dob: 06-16-75) was convicted of three counts of *first-degree sexual assault with a deadly weapon* (F2) and *second-degree kidnapping* (F2) last March, and was sentenced yesterday to 192 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections.

The case was prosecuted by Denver Deputy DA Kenneth Boyd and Denver Deputy DA Julie Hamel, who argued for a maximum sentence.

In December 1998, Parra forced his way into a woman's home in Denver and sexually assaulted her repeatedly at knifepoint. The case was unsolved until the Denver Police Department Cold Case Unit reviewed it and a DNA match identified Parra as a suspect. Denver's Fugitive Unit then learned that Parra worked as an oil worker in Wyoming and he was arrested there on May 6, 2009.

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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.

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