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MAN FOUND GUILTY IN 2008 SEXUAL ASSAULT

A Denver jury has convicted a man of two counts of sexual assault in connection with a brutal attack that happened in October 2008. The jury verdict was returned on Friday (May 7, 2010).

Rodney Smith (dob: 08-04-67) was found guilty of *sexual assault-victim helpless* (F3) and *sexual assault-victim incapable* (F4).

On October 16, 2008, a 52-year-old woman was out celebrating her birthday when she disappeared from a Denver bar. The victim awoke the next day in an unfamiliar car parked in an unfamiliar parking garage in the 9900 block of East Yale Avenue. Throughout the night, as she had been in and out of consciousness, she was sexually assaulted. Smith was identified as a suspect through DNA evidence. Further investigation revealed that Smith had taken the victim to the garage of the apartment complex where he both lived and worked.

The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Dawn Weber and Deputy District Attorney Maggie Conboy.

Smith remains in the custody at the Denver County Jail. He is scheduled to be sentenced June 25, 2010 in Denver District Courtroom 12. He faces an indeterminate-to-life sentence.