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MAN FACES PRISON FOR ASSAULT OF AT-RISK ADULT

A man accused of assaulting and stealing from a disabled woman has pleaded guilty today in connection the case.

Richard Lee Straw (dob: 06-29-54) pleaded guilty today to *second degree assault on an at-risk adult* (F3) and *theft from an at-risk adult* (F3).

Straw had been accused of assaulting and stealing from a 60-year-old woman with a disability for several months. He was arrested and charged earlier this year when alert bank employees contacted the Denver District Attorney's Office with their suspicions that their client was being victimized. The attention of bank staff and the combined efforts of the Denver DA's Office Economic Crime Unit and Family Violence Unit resulted in the guilty plea today.

Straw, who has five prior felony convictions, remains in custody in the Denver Detention Center. He faces up to 28 years in prison when he is sentenced on July 23, 2010.

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