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MAN SENTENCE IN '93 COLD CASE

A man accused of attacking two women in September 1993 as they were delivering newspapers has been sentenced to 28 years in prison today.

Jody Smith (dob: 12-20-71) pleaded guilty earlier to *first-degree assault* (F3) with an underlying factual basis involving unlawful sexual behavior, and *third-degree assault* (M1).

Smith was accused of grabbing a woman in the early morning hours of September 23, 1993 as she was delivering newspapers in the area of 1st and Sherman. She screamed and managed to get away. A few minutes later Smith grabbed another woman as she was getting into her car in the 000 block of Grant Street. He drove her into an alley and then assaulted her.

The case remained unsolved until it was reviewed as part of Denver's Cold Case Project and Smith was identified as a suspect through his DNA. He was sentenced to 28 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections, concurrent with an 18-year prison term he was already serving.

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The Cold Case 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.