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MAN FOUND GUILTY OF 2000 COLD CASE MURDER

A man accused of murdering a woman in June 2000 has been found guilty by a Denver jury.

John Vazquez (dob: 05-27-82) was convicted yesterday in Denver District Court of first-degree murder after deliberation (F1) and first-degree murder-felony murder (F1) in the death of 36-year-old Renee Ealy.

On June 23, 2000, the body of 36-year-old Renee Ealy was found in her apartment in the 1100 block of South Cherry Street. The murder remained unsolved until new information enabled Denver's Cold Case team to re-open the investigation. Vazquez and a co-defendant, **Marie Lynn Marone** (dob: 10-29-72), were eventually identified as suspects and charged. The charges allege that in June 2000, Vazquez and his then-girlfriend, Marone, were living in Denver when Vasquez stabbed and killed the victim as Marone watched. Marone is still awaiting trial, which is scheduled for early next year.

The charges were the result of Denver Cold Case detectives receiving new information, additional work completed by the Denver Police Department Crime Lab, and the assistance of out-of-state law enforcement agencies. Had it not been for people coming forward with new information, the advances in technology, and the collaboration between law enforcement agencies, this case may have remained unsolved.

Vazquez was located in Boise, Idaho and Marone was located in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Denver detectives worked closely with local law enforcement in both cities and credit their assistance with the successful outcome of the investigation.

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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 and assistance from Colorado Senator Mark Udall and Colorado Senator Michael Bennet.