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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN FOUND GUILTY IN '04 COLD CASE HOMICIDE**

A 43-year-old transient man accused of kidnapping and killing a woman in August 2004 has been found guilty of her murder by a Denver jury this week. The case is the result of work by Denver's Cold Case Project.

**Billy Jene Wilson** (dob: 07-21-69) was found guilty late yesterday of *felony murder* (F1), *second degree murder* (F2), and *attempted sexual assault* (F5).

Wilson attacked 27-year-old Gina Gruenwald in the 1700 block of Lafayette Street in the early morning hours of August 21, 2004. Gruenwald had been out with friends at a nightclub and was last seen when they dropped her off in the 1400 block of Humboldt Street. Her body was found later that morning; she had been stabbed in the neck. No suspect was identified at the time.

Wilson was arrested in San Francisco last year on an unrelated case. A DNA sample was obtained during the booking process, and his DNA was entered into the national DNA database, CODIS, leading to his arrest and prosecution in the Gruenwald's death.

Wilson is scheduled to be sentenced on August 31 at 8:30 AM in Denver District Courtroom 5G.