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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **WOMAN SENTENCED TO MAX IN 2000 COLD CASE MURDER**

A woman accused of facilitating and watching the murder of a disabled woman in June 2000 has been sentenced to a maximum 40 years in prison.

**Marie Lynn Marone** (dob: 10-29-72) was charged along with **John Vazquez** (dob: 05-27-82) in the murder of 36-year-old Renee Ealy. Ealy was found in her apartment in the 1100 block of South Cherry Street in June 2000; she had been stabbed to death.

Marone also admitted to accepting the proceeds of money orders stolen from the victim and disposing of evidence (including bloody clothing) after the murder. Marone intentionally misled investigators in 2000 during the original investigation, suggesting that a different individual was involved in the murder.

Vazquez was convicted last year earlier of first-degree murder after deliberation (F1) and first-degree murder-felony murder (F1) in Ealy's death and is now serving life in prison without parole.

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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.*