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GUILTY VERDICTS IN KIDNAP/SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE

A 28-year-old man accused of kidnapping and sexually assaulting an 8-year-old girl in Denver in June 2011 has been found guilty today by a Denver jury.

Bret Thompson (dob: 03-28-84) was convicted of *second-degree kidnapping* (F2) and *sexual assault on a child* (F4) following a week-long trial in which Thompson had pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. The jury deliberated just a few hours before rejecting that claim and returning their verdicts.

On June 2, 2011 at about 1:20 p.m., Thompson kidnapped an 8-year-old girl from the 400 block alley of South Raleigh and South Stuart Streets in Denver and later sexually assaulted her before letting her go in the 1900 block of Federal Boulevard. Thompson fled the state and was later arrested in New Jersey.

The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy DA Bonnie Benedetti and Deputy DA Allison Rocker.

He faces 16 to 48 years when sentenced on May 30, 2013, and the sentence will be an indeterminate to life sentence because of the sexual assault conviction.