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GUILTY VERDICT IN '94 COLD CASE MURDERS

One of three men accused in a brutal home-invasion robbery and double murder in 1994 has been found guilty by a Denver jury today. The verdict is the result of work by Denver's Cold Case Project partners.

Andre Jackson (dob: 02-10-70) has been found guilty today of all counts – four counts of *first-degree murder* (F1), four counts of *sexual assault* (F2) and *attempted murder* (F2).

On June 12, 1994, the Denver Police Department responded to 3234 Larimer Street and found three people who had been attacked and tortured, and one had also been repeatedly sexually assaulted. Two of the victims died. The lone survivor told police that several intruders had come into his home at about 3 a.m. demanding money and drugs, and then attacked them.

Samuel Sims (dob: 03-30-71) is scheduled to go on trial in September for *first-degree murder* (F1) and one count each of *attempted first-degree murder* (F2) and *sexual assault*.

Jackie McConnell (dob: 09-05-74) pleaded guilty earlier this year to second-degree murder and will be sentenced in October.

The case remained unsolved until it was re-opened as part of Denver's Cold Case Project and DNA evidence linked the defendants to the crime.

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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.