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MAN SENTENCED IN 1999 KIDNAP/SEXUAL ASSAULT COLD CASE

A man convicted of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a woman in a cold case dating back to 1999 was sentenced to 160 years to life in prison.

Albert Matthews (dob: 07-23-1964) was convicted by a Denver jury in August of *second-degree kidnapping* (F2) and *first-degree sexual assault* (F3) as charged. He was adjudicated a habitual criminal at his habitual criminal hearing in September, and sentenced Thursday afternoon to 96 years in prison for the kidnapping charge, and to 64 years-to-life in prison for the sexual assault charge. The sentences are to run consecutively, meaning 160 years-to-life in prison.

In October 1999, the 44-year-old victim was estranged from her abusive husband. Late in the evening of October 11, 1999, Matthews invited the victim to stay with him, but while walking to his home he attacked the victim, forcing her through an alley into a backyard where he assaulted her.

The case was unsolved until March 2015, when the defendant was identified by Denver Police as a suspect based on a DNA match linking him to the 1999 sexual assault. Further investigation by Denver's Cold Case Unit resulted in Matthew's arrest on July 1, 2016, and charges filed.