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JURY CONVICTS MAN IN 1999 SEXUAL ASSAULT COLD CASE

A Denver District Court jury convicted a man today accused of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a woman in a cold case dating back to 1999.

Albert Matthews (dob: 07-23-1964) was convicted of *second-degree kidnapping* (F2) and *first-degree sexual assault* (F3) as charged.

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.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for September 22, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in Denver District Courtroom 5C.