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MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN 2016'S HIGH LINE CANAL TRAIL ASSAULTS

A man accused of two assaults that took place on the High Line Canal Trail within a week of each other last September pleaded guilty yesterday in Denver District Court.

Demaricus Bookhart (dob: 03-14-1991) pleaded guilty to one count of *aggravated robbery* (F3), one count of *attempt to commit sexual assault* (F5), and one count of *menacing* (F5).

The defendant was originally charged with *aggravated robbery* (F3), *second degree assault* (F3), *failure to register as a sex offender* (F5), and *third degree assault* (M1).

Per the plea agreement, Bookhart faces a stipulated 30 years in prison for the *aggravated robbery* charge, and ten years of sex offender supervised probation for each of the other two counts, the probation sentences to run concurrently. The ten years of probation will begin after Bookhart serves his prison term.

Bookhart was accused of assaulting two women in separate attacks on August 18, 2016, and August 26, 2016, along the High Line Canal Trail. One of the victims was injured, and a stolen iPod belonging to a victim was recovered from Bookhart's belongings.

Sentencing is scheduled for September 28, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., in District Courtroom 5D.