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SERIAL RAPIST FOUND GUILTY IN 3 COLD CASES

A man accused of sexually assaulting three women in separate attacks in the 1990s has been convicted on all counts by a Denver jury today. The conviction is the result of work by Denver's Cold Case Project.

Byron Gay (dob: 03-05-65) was found guilty of two counts of *kidnapping* (F2), six counts of *first-degree sexual assault* (F3), three counts of *aggravated first-degree sexual assault* (F2) and one count of *third-degree sexual assault* (F4) in connection with three separate cases.

The attacks occurred in June 1993, September 1995 and October 1995 and each involved Gay breaking into a woman's home and attacking the women while they were sleeping. The cases were unsolved until a detective with the Denver Police Department's Cold Case Unit reviewed the cases and was able to link Gay to the attacks through DNA. He was also linked to two additional home burglaries. The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy DA Dawn Weber and Deputy DA Julie Hamel.

Gay remains in custody and is scheduled to be sentenced on December 17, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in Denver District Courtroom 5H.

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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.

