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## **Denver DA McCann Agrees to Resentencing of Jason Hogan**

**DENVER**—In 2022, Denver District Attorney Beth McCann launched the office’s new Conviction Review Unit describing it as an essential part of an effective and modern prosecutorial office. Today, DA McCann announced that Jason Hogan (current age 43) will be released from prison in Cañon City, Colorado after being found guilty in 2000 of kidnapping and robbing a woman at the Cherry Creek Shopping Center for which he received a 77-year prison sentence.

Hogan was represented by the Korey Wise Innocence Project which presented the Conviction Review Unit team with concerns about the police work that led to Hogan’s conviction. As a result, DA McCann agreed to a new plea agreement to which he pleaded guilty to second degree kidnapping and was resentenced to time served. Under the plea agreement known as an [Alford Plea](#), Mr. Hogan maintains his innocence, but admits that there is evidence that, if believed by a jury, could lead to his conviction. DA McCann spoke with both the victim in this case and Denver Police Chief Thomas who understand the office’s decision.

“We appreciate the Korey Wise Innocence Project bringing this case to our attention,” said Denver DA McCann. “We were not able to conclude that Mr. Hogan did not commit this crime but given the fact that there was a subsequent very similar robbery and that information was not provided to us at that time so it could be disclosed to the defense counsel, we agreed that it was fair and in the interest of justice to resolve the case in this manner.”

The Honorable Judge Ericka Englert presided over today’s proceedings. This is Denver District Court case number 2000CR003271.

Since the launch of the Conviction Review Unit and during 2022 there have been 45 sentence reduction applications received, 26 clemency requests and 42 actual innocence applications filed.

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justice for all in the criminal justice system. Our mission includes the prevention and deterrence of crimes, support of the well-being of victims, participation in the community, transparency, accountability, and improvement of the criminal justice system to provide fair alternatives to incarceration in appropriate cases.