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**For Immediate Release: Man Charged in 2005 Dallas County Sexual Assault Cold Case Sentenced to Life in Prison**

**(Dallas, Texas)** – Dallas County Criminal District Attorney John Creuzot announced David Warren Jackson of Louisville, Kentucky, will spend the rest of his life in prison after a Dallas County jury handed down a guilty verdict for Aggravated Sexual Assault. The 57-year-old defendant was charged for a 2005 cold case Aggravated Sexual Assault of a homeless woman in a secluded area by the railroad tracks just south of the Dallas Convention Center. The crime was committed around 4 am in an area of Dallas that was inundated with homeless evacuees from Hurricane Katrina.

The Defendant befriended the 23-year-old homeless woman who had been trying to save money to purchase a bus ticket to reunite with her boyfriend in Alabama. After gaining her trust, the Defendant then threatened the young woman with a knife and forced her to a secluded area by the railroad tracks between the Dallas Convention Center and Cadiz Street. At that secluded spot, the Defendant sexually assaulted the woman multiple times.

After the assault, the victim ran to the Dallas Police Department headquarters where she flagged down two police officers, who immediately took her to Parkland Hospital for a sexual assault exam.

Unfortunately, her sexual assault kit was not tested until 2020, when it was done so at the request of the Dallas County Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Cold Case Team (SAKI). An unknown male DNA was identified from her sexual assault kit. The profile later matched the DNA profile of David Warren Jackson who was incarcerated in the State of Kentucky with only 2 years left on a sentence for the sexual assault of a Louisville woman in 2008. Jackson's DNA was also linked to 2 other sexual assault cases in both Texas and Kentucky, but those victims had died, were not able to testify, and evidence of those crimes was excluded at trial.

Jackson was indicted for the Dallas Aggravated Sexual Assault in July of 2021 while still incarcerated in Kentucky. Jackson filed for an immediate resolution to the Dallas County case via the Interstate Act on Detainers. This put a deadline on the Dallas County District Attorney's office to have Jackson tried in 180 days. Jackson was extradited to Dallas in late November 2021 and his jury trial started on June 6, 2022.

The Dallas County District Attorney's Cold Case Team (SAKI) was able to prepare this complex cold case for trial in record time. This included securing the attendance and testimony of witnesses from four different states and multiple counties in the State of Texas.

The trial lasted four days, but in the end, Cold Case Chief Leighton D'Antoni's closing remarks to jurors sealed Jackson's fate, "This was an unspeakable violation that occurred to a young woman at the lowest point of her life. The Defendant is counting on you not to care about a homeless woman being raped. I am counting on you to tell the Defendant, and to tell everyone, that in Dallas County, we will do whatever it takes to bring justice for victims of sexual assault, no matter who they are. We will do this, even if it takes 6,095 days."

And that's just what jurors did. David Jackson was found guilty, and he received the harshest punishment allowed under the law, life in prison.

The successful prosecution of this case would not have been possible without the work and dedication of the Dallas County Criminal District Attorney's Office Cold Case Team (SAKI). Mackenzie Kile served as lead advocate and trial support research specialist. DA Investigator Jon Wakefield was the lead investigator and filed the case. DA Investigator Tammy Goodman helped interview the Defendant and other important out-of-state witnesses. DA Investigators Kelly Paul and Lee Thompson were instrumental with investigative trial support as was Victim Advocate Roquel Mayhorn.

Thanks to creative thinking years earlier by Administrative Chief Amy Derrick and Cold Case Chief D'Antoni, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office was awarded funding by the Department of Justice that would allow them to successfully prosecute these difficult cold case sexual assaults and cold case homicides committed primarily by serial rapists and serial killers.

ADA D'Antoni served as lead trial prosecutor. ADA Kristin Treager was second chair for the trial and picked the jury who convicted Jackson.