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Man Sentenced to 170 Years in Series of Sexual Assaults in Thornton

Cesar Segura Galvan was declared a sexually violent predator and sentenced Friday to 170 years to life in prison Friday for a series of sexual assaults in Thornton from 2016 to 2018 against women whose homes he broke into late at night.

“The defendant’s actions demonstrate the evil that exists in society and that is everyone’s worst nightmare,” District Attorney Dave Young said. “This sentence not only will assure the public that he is no longer a threat to innocent victims, but it also brings justice to these three women whose lives will never be the same.”

Chief Deputy District Attorney Stephanie Fritts argued for consecutive maximum sentences. “If he had been convicted after the first sexual assault, he deserved the maximum sentence,” she said at the sentencing hearing. “He continued to do it to a second victim and then a third. His sentences should be consecutive to reflect the damage done to each victim.” Fritts and Deputy District Attorney Kathryn Webb prosecuted the case.

On December 22, 2016, Galvan (DOB 03/13/91) sexually assaulted a 22-year-old woman at her apartment at 511 E. 88th Avenue in Thornton. He put a knife to her throat, but she fought him off as he ripped off her panties and attempted to sexually assault her. He fled the apartment after she was able to grab her Taser.

On February 5, 2017, Galvan entered the bedroom window of an apartment at 8849 Pearl Street in Thornton and held his knife against the throat of a 25-year-old woman who was asleep in her bed as he ripped off her panties, strangled her at knife-point and attempted to sexually assault her. The woman was able to free herself and fled the apartment.

On April 14, 2018, a 39-year-old woman was in bed in her apartment at 8859 Pearl Street in Thornton when she woke to find Galvan in her bedroom holding a knife. He grabbed and strangled her, threatened to kill her and sexually assaulted her.

Galvan was arrested several days later after Thornton police officers who were conducting

surveillance found him hiding in bushes at the apartment complex. DNA evidence in that case led to charges filed against him in the two earlier sexual assaults.

An Adams County District Court jury convicted Galvan on August 26 on 21 charges including multiple counts of sexual assault and attempted sexual assault by threats and force, sexual assault and attempted sexual assault with use of a deadly weapon, burglary, aggravated robbery, assault by strangulation and second-degree assault on a peace officer.

Adams County District Judge Mark Warner said Galvan's acts were "calculated and predatory. He appears to be remorseless over the horrific and terrifying acts he committed against the victims in what they believed was the safety and sanctity of their homes." Warner also declared that Galvan is a sexually violent predator.

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