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**Man Sentenced to 16 Years for Burglary and Stalking**

Jason Cameron Stiles was sentenced to 16 years in prison Friday for burglary and stalking a 20-year-old Westminster woman.

On November 12, 2018, Stiles (DOB 09/18/89) entered the woman's residence and attacked her in her bedroom. After a struggle during which she fought him off, he eventually fled.

When police arrested Stiles near the residence soon after the attack, he had a knife and latex gloves in his pocket. Police found Stiles' eyeglasses and a Beretta handgun purchased by him in 2016 outside the residence. Police subsequently learned he had broken into the residence at least twice in October before the attack and had taken photos of the woman's possessions, including pages from her journal.

At the sentencing hearing the detective told the court that Stiles continued to stalk the woman after posting bond. Westminster Police Detective Matthew Morgado said Stiles hid in the closet on multiple occasions watching her undress, brush her teeth, get ready for bed, and also watched her sleeping.

Stiles was a stranger to the victim prior to the attack. The investigation revealed that they were in a class together at Front Range Community College during the fall of 2017, a fact the victim was unaware of until police were able to connect the dots.

Deputy District Attorney Natalie Scarpella asked for the maximum 16-year prison sentence which Adams County District Judge Priscilla Loew imposed.

"He would hide in her closet and watch her in her most intimate moments," Scarpella said. "The one question that remains is why? What was he planning to do had she not successfully fought him off? That is a question that has haunted everyone who has worked on this case."

Stiles pleaded guilty to first-degree burglary, stalking and crime of violence using a weapon, a sentencing enhancer.