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# **Parker Man Found Guilty of Drugging and Sexually Assaulting Four Women He Met on Dating App**

**Police recovered numerous drugs used to incapacitate victims from defendant's home**

**Castle Rock, CO** –A Douglas County jury has found 56-year-old David Kats guilty of drugging and sexually assaulting four women he met through dating apps. The assaults occurred between 2015- 2023, at Kat's home and other locations.

Kats was found guilty on all 17 counts including 12 counts of sexual assault.

Each of the four victims testified that after being served drinks by Kats, they blacked out and later realized they had been sexually assaulted. A search of Kats' residence by Parker police uncovered numerous substances used to incapacitate victims.

The women ultimately discovered one other through posts on the "Are We Dating the Same Guy" Facebook group. After comparing their experiences, they contacted Parker Police, leading to the investigation.

During the trial, Kats claimed the sexual encounters were consensual and denied any wrongdoing, despite several text messages from the victims confronting him and expressing concern they had been drugged.

Chief Deputy DA Danielle Jaramillo praised the work of Parker Police, and the courage shown by the victims. “The bravery these women demonstrated by taking the stand and facing this predator cannot be overstated,” said Jaramillo. “Because of their courage, David Kats will finally be held accountable for the harm he caused.”

Deputy DA Brynn Chase echoed that sentiment. “These four women were deliberately silenced by the defendant and were conditioned to accept they would not be believed if they came forward,” said Chase. “We will never stop fighting for brave victims like these in Douglas County.

District Attorney George Brauchler said the verdict sends a powerful message to sexual predators. “David Kats used drugs, deception and manipulation to prey on women who trusted him,” Brauchler said. “Despite the nature of the predatory conduct and the 17 convictions, Colorado’s offender-friendly legislature makes these 17 offenses...wait for it...probation-eligible. Our hope is that the court takes a view of justice that sends a message to other sexual predators that prison is the only just outcome for behavior like this.”

Kats will be sentenced April 23<sup>rd</sup>. He faces anywhere from life in prison to probation.

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