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Parker Man Sentenced to 36 Years after Drugging and Sexually Assaulting Four Women He Met on Dating Apps

Castle Rock, CO –A Parker man will spend 36 years to life in prison after drugging and sexually assaulting four women he met through dating apps.

In December, a Douglas County jury found 57-year-old David Kats guilty of all 17 counts against him, including 12 counts of sexual assault. In court today, the victims detailed how Kats drugged and manipulated them- one victim describing how she woke up covered in bruises and bitemarks.

In issuing the sentence, Judge Victoria Klingensmith mentioned Kats' lack of accountability and empathy, as well as his insistence that he was the victim.

The assaults occurred between 2015 and 2023, at Kat's residence and other locations. 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' home by Parker police uncovered multiple substances used to incapacitate victims.

Some of the victims later connected through posts on the “Are We Dating the Same Guy” Facebook group and noticed similarities in their experiences. They reported the incidents to Parker Police, prompting the investigation.

During the trial, Kats maintained the 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 of the victims. “These women demonstrated extraordinary bravery by coming forward and testifying,” said Jaramillo. “Because of their courage, David Kats is finally being held accountable for the harm he caused.”

Deputy DA Brynn Chase emphasized the importance of supporting survivors. “For nearly a decade the entitled behavior of this sexual predator went unchecked,” said Chase. “What these four women endured to bring this serial rapist to justice, shows why so many victims choose to stay silent. Their decision to come forward made justice possible.”

District Attorney George Brauchler said the verdict sends a powerful message to sexual predators in Douglas County. “Kats is a coward and a predator,” said Brauchler. “Unwilling to face rejection of his perverse sexual desires, he took away these victims’ autonomy and their ability to say “no.” Now the system’s only, imperfect, response is to take away his freedom... and hopefully, all of it. These courageous women are why Kats can make no more victims in our community.”

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