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## **Parker Man Sentenced to 24 Years to Life in Prison for Sexually Assaulting At-Risk Stepdaughter**

**Castle Rock, CO** –65-year-old George Robert Gipson will spend 24 years to life in the Department of Corrections after repeatedly sexually assaulting his intellectually disabled stepdaughter. The assaults happened numerous times over several years.

Gipson was convicted following a jury trial of six counts of sexual assault of an at-risk person, and four counts of unlawful sexual contact of an at-risk person.

Evidence presented at trial showed the victim, who has intellectual and cognitive disabilities, disclosed the abuse to her mother, who then alerted a case worker at a care facility for adults with disabilities. The victim reported that Gipson had sexually assaulted her numerous times beginning in 2022. She also told investigators that Gipson showed her pornography on his phone before assaulting her in their Parker home when her mother was out of town.

An investigation by the Parker Police Department led to Gipson's arrest in 2024.

Gipson's attorneys said the victim had fabricated the events, but District Court Judge Daniel Warhola noted that the jury found the victim's testimony credible.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Danielle Jaramillo praised the victim's courage and the judge's sentence. "This sexual predator took advantage of an at-risk person, thinking he would never be caught," said Jaramillo. "Thanks to the victim's courage in coming forward and the jurors who carefully weighed the evidence, he has been held fully accountable for his crimes."

Senior Deputy District Attorney Lauren Raible said the sentence reflects the seriousness of exploiting vulnerable victims. "This case is about the abuse of trust and power against someone who was especially vulnerable," said Raible. "The victim showed remarkable strength throughout the process, and the sentence ensures Mr. Gipson will no longer have the opportunity to prey on others. She told the jurors during the trial she was there to testify because 'the truth always wins.' The truth did indeed win."

District Attorney George Brauchler said protecting vulnerable victims remains a top priority for his office. "Gipson satisfied his lascivious urges at the expense of this vulnerable victim," said Brauchler. "Now he will likely leave prison feet first, which should be the expected outcome for anyone like him who preys upon the weak and defenseless. Rather than take responsibility for his crimes, he made a jury force it upon him. Judge Warhola well-reflected the seriousness of Gipson's indefensible behavior."

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