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JURY CONVICTS NORTHWEST RAPIST TROY CONNELLY

October 31, 2003---A Philadelphia jury today convicted Troy Connelly, dob 6-26-73, of three counts of rape, four counts of kidnapping and related offenses for attacking four women in a crime spree in Northwest Philadelphia between September 2001 and December 2001.

The jury deliberated less than four hours before finding Connelly guilty.

Connelly was originally charged with five rapes, but the fifth victim could not be located.

Connelly, of the 7900-block of Cedarbrook Ave. in West Oak Lane, posed as a hack taxi driver in five separate incidents. When the women, ranging in age from 19 to 23, got into the car, he drove them to a secluded area and either raped or attempted to rape each of them.

He was arrested when one of the women got his license plate number. He was considered to be such a danger to the community that he had been held without bail since his arrest.

Sentencing is scheduled for December 17, 2003. Connelly faces a maximum of 85 to 170 years, essentially a life sentence.

“This defendant was every woman’s worst nightmare,” said District Attorney Lynne Abraham. “He will never harm anyone again.”

Assistant District Attorney Jason Bologna prosecuted the case before Common Pleas Court Judge Eugene Maier.