

## Trial to open in 'Baseline Killer' case

Goudeau faces murder, sexual-assault charges in spree of attacks in 2005-06

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The trial begins today for the man police and prosecutors believe to be the "Baseline Killer," who terrorized Phoenix for 13 months in 2005 and 2006, committing rapes and robberies and leaving nine dead — all but one of them women.

Mark Goudeau, 46, is already serv-

ing a 438-year prison sentence for September 2005 sexual assaults against two sisters near 31st Avenue and Baseline Road in south Phoenix. The women, both in their 20s, were assaulted as they walked home from a park. One of them was six months pregnant, and she testified that Goudeau held his pistol between her legs and made her beg for her baby's life.

Goudeau was convicted of those

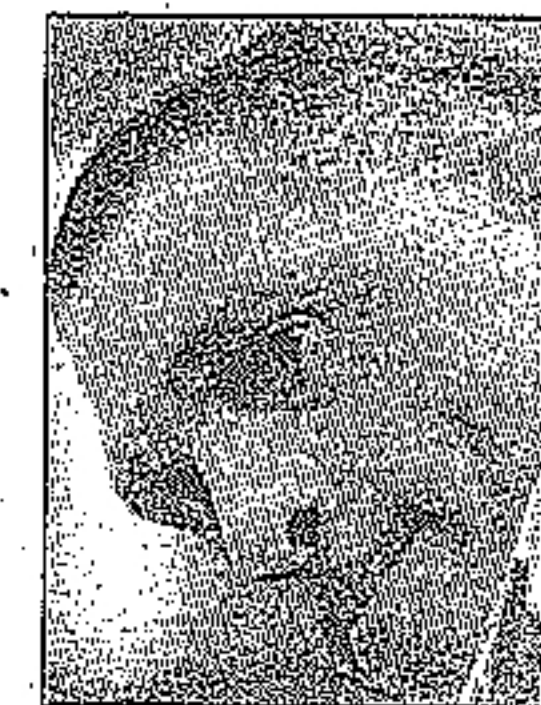
rapes in 2007.

But today he faces 74 more felony charges: nine counts of first-degree murder, for which he could face the death penalty; one count of attempted first-degree murder; 11 counts of kidnapping; one count of attempted kidnapping; 12 counts of armed robbery; three counts of attempted armed robbery; 14 counts of sexual assault; six counts of attempted sexual assault;

five counts of sexual abuse; 10 counts of aggravated assault; and one count each of burglary and child molestation.

According to police reports, court documents and testimony, the Baseline Killer, so named because the initial attacks seemed to take place near Baseline Road, would snatch women off busy street corners, even in broad daylight. He wore hats, wigs and

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