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# Lawyers spar in 'Baseline Killer' case

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PHOENIX — As Mark Goudeau's April trial approaches, attorneys on both sides of the "Baseline Killer" case argue how it will be tried and what evidence will be allowed.

Goudeau, 46, is charged with 74 felony counts related to crimes that took place in 12 attacks, including nine homicides. He is already serving more than 400 years in prison for sexual attacks on a pair of sisters in south Phoenix in 2005.

Last week, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Warren Granville ruled on four motions. In them, he:

» Refused to sever counts — that is, to divide the case into as many as 12 trials. Gou-

deau's defense attorneys, Randall Craig and Roderick Carter, felt a single jury might be prejudiced by the overwhelming multitude of charges against their client.

» Denied a prosecution motion that would have forbidden Craig and Carter from claiming some or all of the crimes were committed by people other than Goudeau. Deputy County Attorneys Suzanne Cohen and Patty Stevens and Phoenix police detectives maintain they have already excluded those other people as suspects, but Granville ruled that Goudeau was entitled to raise the possibility.

» Allowed a voice lineup to be entered into evidence. The voice lineup was a series of recordings from which a victim supposedly picked out Goudeau's distinctive,

twangy voice.

» Denied a defense motion to suppress evidence seized during searches of Goudeau's home.

Eight women and one man were shot to death, 11 women and girls were sexually assaulted, and 22 people were robbed between August 2005 and September 2006 in the attacks that were attributed to the so-called Baseline Killer. The name arose because the initial crimes seemed to take place along Baseline Road in south Phoenix.

Later, it turned out the majority of the crimes occurred in central Phoenix in an area bounded by Indian School and Thomas roads and 24th and 32nd streets.

Goudeau was arrested Sept. 6, 2006, at

first charged only with the south Phoenix rapes. He was convicted of those assaults in 2007 and sentenced to 438 years in prison.

On April 6, he goes on trial for crimes in the Baseline Killer case. He faces nine counts of first-degree murder for which he faces 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.