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Raspy-voiced rapist convicted

Long jail term to be recommended

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A jury found a 34-year-old man guilty Thursday of raping a 21-year-old University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh student three years ago.

The Winnebago County jury deliberated about 2½ hours before finding Joseph C. Frey guilty of four counts of first-degree sexual assault, one count of false imprisonment and one count of armed burglary.

Frey was convicted of breaking into the woman's off-campus apartment in the middle of the night Feb. 9, 1991, and sexually assaulting her.

Frey, formerly of Green Bay, could

face up to 102 years in prison when he is sentenced Feb. 2 by Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge Bruce Schmidt.

Vincent Biskupic, Winnebago County deputy district attorney, said he will recommend a long jail term.

"I was relieved by the verdict, because Frey demonstrated through his series of sexual assaults that he's a very dangerous person that needs to be kept out of society," Biskupic said.

Frey was previously convicted of committing two violent rapes in Green Bay and is currently serving a prison term on one of those assaults.

Biskupic said he was hopeful while waiting for Thursday's verdict but also



Joseph C. Frey

Victim relieved by verdict

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Hearing a jury convict Joseph C. Frey Thursday of six felonies brought peace of mind to the woman he brutally raped three years ago.

"Hopefully, he will never be able to get out. This person is just not normal," the 23-year-old woman said. "And I don't want anybody else to have to deal with this, with him."

The woman was a 21-year-old University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh student when the knife-wielding Frey broke into her off-campus apartment in the middle of the night and sexually assaulted her Feb. 9, 1991.

She said bringing the case to trial took such a long time, and she was hoping so hard, she almost couldn't believe her ears when the guilty verdicts were read in court.

The path leading to Thursday's convictions was long and hard, but the woman said it was worth it.

"That way I dealt with it. I had to talk about it and keep talking about it," she said. "And now that I had to testify in front of all these people, I feel stronger about it. I guess I just don't feel as weak."

Now she said she's ready to put the attack behind her. "I'm just looking forward to starting my life now and just knowing that there's no loose ends," she said.

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