

Man given 60-year term in rape

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DEFENDANT

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A man who was convicted of raping an unidentified, unconscious woman faces 60 years in prison sentences.

A Tulsa County jury found Dominic Patrick Butcher guilty Wednesday of two felony counts - second-degree rape and second-degree rape by instrumentation - and imposed two 30-year sentences and two \$5,000 fines.

The trial featured no testimony from the unidentified female whom Butcher was accused of raping.

A prosecutor said the offenses committed by Butcher could be seen on a computer disk that was re-

covered by police in January 2008 at a tattoo parlor that Butcher then operated at 702 N. Main St. in Owasso.

There is no longer a tattoo parlor at that address.

The video evidence showed Butcher sexually penetrating a female - whose identity is unknown to law enforcement officials handling the case - who appeared to be in her early 20s, said Assistant District Attorney Jack Thorp.

The rape counts asserted that the victim was "unconscious of the nature of the act," and Thorp maintained that the video showed that the defendant knew she was unconscious.

A woman who was identified in a 2009 police affidavit as Butcher's girlfriend could not identify the woman on the video but recognized that the setting was her own Tulsa apartment.

She said tape on dresser drawers, visible on the video, showed that the events occurred soon after she moved into that apartment in September 2007, according to police.

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tenced to four years in prison upon pleading guilty in another case to possessing a firearm as a felon. Counts of sexual battery and concealing stolen property were dismissed in a plea deal.

In March 2010, a jury found Butcher guilty of concealing stolen property - a bottle containing Viagra - and he was sentenced to 150 days in jail.

Butcher also has a 1996 burglary conviction in Mississippi, records show.

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