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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **EX-COP SENTENCED FOR KIDNAPPING, SEX ASSAULT**

A former police officer accused of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a woman in 2010 while he was on patrol has been sentenced today to prison, but in an unusual ruling the judge granted a bond for the defendant while he appeals his conviction.

**Hector Paez** (dob: 10-10-79) was convicted earlier of *second-degree kidnapping* (F2), *sexual assault* (F4) and *false reporting* (M) following a two-week trial in Denver District Court.

Chief Deputy DA Doug Jackson prosecuted the case, and argued during the sentencing hearing for a prison sentence to be imposed, citing the impact of this case on the victim as well as abuse of the public trust.

Denver District Court Judge John Madden heard from the victim as well as the defendant before sentencing him to 8 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections, followed by sex-offender probation for a 10-year to life term. Over the objection of the prosecution, the judge then granted Paez a \$100,000 bond while he appeals his conviction.

The facts of the case date back to May 16, 2010, when Paez arrested a 36-year-old woman, took her to an isolated location, and coerced her into performing a sexual act by threatening to take her to jail. Paez, who was hired in 2006, was working as a patrol officer in District 4 at the time.

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