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CONVICTION IN KIDNAPPING/SEX ASSAULT CASE

A man accused of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a 23-year-old woman in 2012 has been found guilty of all charges at the conclusion of his trial yesterday.

Aris Ashley (dob: 09-09-84) was convicted of *sexual assault with physical force* (F3), *second degree kidnapping* (F2), *robbery* (F4) and *first degree criminal trespass of a motor vehicle* (F5).

On July 15, 2012, at approximately 5:40am, Ashley sneaked into the back of the victim's car while it was parked in front of a convenience store at Colorado and Mississippi. The victim drove on to work not knowing Ashley was in her car. He then surprised her and drove to an unknown location where he sexually assaulted her. He then made several stops at local ATMs and used her bank cards to make withdrawals. Several hours later, Ashley let the victim go and she was able to call the police.

Outstanding work on the part of the Denver Police Department, and in particular lead detective Eric Bueno, contributed to the successful arrest and conclusion of this case, which was prosecuted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Bonnie Benedetti and Deputy District Attorney Jake Friedberg.

Ashley remains in custody in the Denver Detention Center. He is scheduled to appear for sentencing in Denver District Courtroom 5B on September 3 at 1:30 p.m.

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