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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **FORMER CAB DRIVER SENTENCED IN SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE**

A former cab driver convicted of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a woman in the early morning hours of December 24, 2014 has been sentenced today.

**Hidet Molla** (dob. 09-15-78) was convicted of *second degree kidnapping* (F2), *sexual assault on a physically helpless victim* (F3), and *sexual assault- victim incapable of giving consent* (F4) in April.

Molla has been sentenced today to 20 years plus 5 years of parole for kidnapping, and minimum 10 years indeterminate to life because of the nature of this conviction, which was sexual assault. These sentences will be served consecutively. Molla has also been ordered to pay \$270 in restitution and must register as a sex offender.

The victim had been drinking with friends in Denver and got into an argument. She woke up in an unknown home and realized she had been sexually assaulted by a man she did not know or recognize. He then took her home, in his cab. Denver police later identified Molla as the suspect.

The case was prosecuted by Denver Deputy District Attorney Isabel Pallares and Chief Deputy District Attorney Maggie Conboy.

At the sentencing hearing Molla chose not to speak, but the victim and her family did. They spoke of a broken trust in others and urged the court to protect society. The court also recognized the “extraordinary amount of courage” it took for the victim to come forward.

