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WOMEN SENTENCED IN RTD ASSAULT CASE

Two women charged with assault of an RTD bus driver and with committing a bias-motivated crime were sentenced today in Denver District Court.

Destiny Sandoval (dob: 08-19-1991) and her mother **Deanne Y Sandoval** (dob: 05-04-1971) each pleaded guilty in May to three new counts: one count of *assault in the 3rd degree* (M1), one count of *hindering public transportation* (M2) and one count of *harassment—obscene language or gesture* (M3). The five counts originally charged in February were dismissed: three counts of *endangering public transportation* (F3), one count of *bias motivated crime* (F4), and one count of *assault in the second degree* (F4).

Destiny Sandoval was sentenced to two years of probation for the *assault* conviction, and one year probation for each of the *hindering* and *harassment* convictions, all sentences to run concurrently, with no additional jail time. 50 hours of useful public service, anger management classes, and monitored sobriety were also imposed.

Deanne Sandoval was sentenced to two years of probation for the *assault* conviction, two years of probation for the *hindering* conviction, and one year of probation for the *harassment* conviction, all sentences to run concurrently, with no additional jail time. 50 hours of useful public service, anger management classes, and monitored sobriety were also imposed.

\$641.00 in restitution was also ordered in both cases.

Early in the evening of February 23, 2017, Deanne Sandoval and Destiny Sandoval got on the RTD bus at the intersection of S. Federal Boulevard and W. Mississippi Avenue and refused to pay the bus fare. The victim bus driver asked them to exit but they refused. The two women subsequently physically and verbally assaulted him.