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**MAN SENTENCED IN 2015 SEXUAL ASSAULT**

A man convicted in May by a Denver District Court jury for sexually assaulting a woman in June 2015 was sentenced today.

**Joseph Martinez** (dob: 05-03-1984) was sentenced to the maximum sentence of six years in state prison for his conviction on the originally-filed charge of *sexual assault* (F4).

In the early evening of June 29, 2015, the victim of the sexual assault stopped at an area bar and restaurant to have a drink on her way home from work. She recalled having several drinks there, before getting up to use the bathroom. The next thing the victim remembered was being helped onto a light rail train several hours later, arriving at the light rail Mineral Station and calling a cab from there to take her home. When she awoke the next day experiencing pain and loss of blood, she went to the hospital, where a sexual assault nurse treated her and took forensic evidence. The DNA collected was sent to the Denver Police Department's crime lab, where it came back as a match to the defendant. An arrest warrant was issued and Martinez was arrested on January 29, 2016, and charged on February 3, 2016.