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JURY CONVICTS MAN IN 2015 SEXUAL ASSAULT

A Denver District Court jury returned a verdict last Friday against a man accused of sexually assaulting a woman in June 2015.

Joseph Martinez (dob: 05-03-1984) was convicted of 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.

Martinez will be sentenced on July 21, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in Denver district courtroom 5A.