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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **OFFICER FOUND GUILTY OF KIDNAPPING, SEX ASSAULT**

A Denver jury has returned guilty verdicts in the trial of a Denver police officer accused of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a woman while he was on patrol two years ago.

**Hector Paez** (dob: 10-10-79) was convicted of *second-degree kidnapping* (F2), *sexual assault* (F4) and *false reporting* (M) following a two-week trial in Denver District Court.

On May 16, 2010, Paez arrested a 36-year-old woman, took her to an isolated location, and coerced her into performing a sexual act by threatening to take her to jail. Paez, who was hired in 2006, was working as a patrol officer in District 4 at the time.

He was taken into custody pending a hearing scheduled for Thursday, December 20, 2012, in which the Court will hear arguments about whether he should remain out on bond until sentencing. He faces a sentence ranging from probation up to an indeterminate-to-life prison sentence.