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**Former Westminster Officer Sentenced to Probation and Jail for
Unlawful Sexual Contact and Official Misconduct**

Former Westminster Police Officer Curtis Lee Arganbright was sentenced Thursday to 90 days of jail followed by four years probation Thursday for unlawful sexual contact and official misconduct concerning a 36-year-old woman in August 2017.

Arganbright (DOB 07/28/77) had sexual contact with the woman to whom he was giving a ride in his patrol car after she was released from the St. Anthony Hospital in Westminster on August 24, 2017. During the drive to Broomfield, Arganbright pulled off of West 144th Avenue near Zuni Street to a dark area and forced the woman to engage in sex acts.

He pleaded guilty to misdemeanor unlawful sexual contact and official misconduct.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Trevor Moritzky told the court that as a Westminster police officer, Arganbright was entrusted with protecting those most vulnerable in the community and that Arganbright abused that trust. He said Arganbright continued to blame the victim. Arganbright chose this victim because she was vulnerable, he said. If Arganbright he had been doing his job, before transporting the victim, he would have spoken to medical professionals, and learned about her level of intoxication, Moritzky said.

The victim in the case was physically unable to be present for the sentencing hearing but her mother told the judge that her daughter was brutally raped and suffers extreme PTSD because of Arganbright's actions.

Broomfield District Court Judge F. Michael Goodbee said that Arganbright had a duty to follow the law and failed to do so. When a peace officer abuses or misuses citizens, Goodbee said, this causes an erosion in the public's view of the integrity of those involved in law enforcement and makes it harder for law-abiding peace officers to do their jobs.

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