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Former Nogales Police Officer Receives Nine-Year Prison Sentence

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Dec. 17, 2008) Attorney General Terry Goddard announced that former Nogales Police Officer Ramon Borbon, 40, of Nogales, was sentenced today to serve 9.5 years in prison.

Last month, a Pima County jury convicted Borbon of Sexual Assault, a Class 2 felony, Kidnapping, a Class 2 felony, Sexual Abuse, a Class 5 felony, and Obstructing a Criminal Investigation, a Class 5 felony, following a 14-day trial in Tucson.

Borbon's kidnapping and sexual assault charges stem from a September 2005 incident in which Borbon, while in uniform, knowingly restrained a 19-year-old Nogales woman with the intent to inflict harm and then sexually assaulted her.

The sexual abuse and obstructing a criminal investigation charges stem from an August 2005 incident in which Borbon, while in uniform, forced a 16-year-old girl to touch his genitals. He then threatened the young woman to prevent her from reporting the incident to authorities.

At today's hearing, Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge James A. Soto labeled Borbon "a stain on the community."

The case was tried in Pima County Superior Court following a May 2008 mistrial in Santa Cruz County Superior Court.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Arizona Department of Public Safety. Assistant Attorneys General Kimberly H. Ortiz and Michael Jette prosecuted this case.

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