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**RE:** Former Lakewood Police Detective Tom Hawley Found  
Guilty of Unlawful Sexual Contact

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After four days of trial, a Jefferson County jury today returned guilty verdicts in four counts against Thomas Scott Hawley, DOB: 10-14-58. He was found guilty of unlawful sexual contact, attempted unlawful sexual contact with one sentence-enhancing aggravator that says he caused submission of the victim through application of physical force, and one count of official oppression. Hawley is a former Lakewood Police Detective who was charged with unlawful sexual contact of a woman who was a witness in a case he was working. The thirteen member jury deliberated just over one full day before returning their verdict.

In November, 2002 Hawley approached a woman who was living at a halfway house regarding a burglary case he was investigating. The woman was acquainted with the suspect in burglary case. Hawley had numerous contacts with the woman under the pretext of developing a relationship of “trust” with her, wanting her help in that investigation and at times accusing her of being involved in the burglaries. During one of their conversations, Hawley asked the woman if she would have sex with him. She told him no. He went to her place of employment and in a back room roughly grabbed both

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of her breasts. When she pushed his hands away and told him not to do that, he took one of her hands and forced it to down into his unzipped pants.

During the trial, the jury heard from three additional women with whom Hawley had inappropriate sexual contact, while also on duty. In two of the cases, he asked or attempted to manipulate the women into showing him their breasts or pubic areas and in the third case he squeezed the breasts of a woman during a pat down following the arrest of her husband.

Sentencing has been set for October 3, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. in Division 8 of the Jefferson County District Court. Hawley faces a potential sentence of up to two years in the county jail and from two and one half to eight years in prison.

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