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**RE:** Derek Smotherman Found Guilty of Official Misconduct,  
Acquitted of Sexual Assault

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At 6:00 p.m. on July 20, a Jefferson County jury found Derek Charles Smotherman, DOB: 6-30-71, guilty of one count of official misconduct (class two misdemeanor), but acquitted him of another count of official misconduct and sexual assault (a class four felony). Smotherman was an Arvada Police Officer and had been assigned to the West Metro Drug Task Force since 2000 as an undercover narcotics officer. He was accused of having sexually assaulted a woman who was working as a confidential informant for him. The official misconduct charge for which the jury found him guilty arose from Smotherman having violated policy and procedures of the law enforcement agencies for which he worked.

District Court Judge Thomas Woodford allowed Mr. Smotherman to go to immediate sentencing over prosecutors' objections. He was sentenced to 100 hours community service.

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