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PRESS RELEASE

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced today that Benito Muniz of Destin was convicted of Attempted Unlawful Sexual Activity with Certain Minors and Battery after a jury trial on Wednesday.

The charges arose from incidents which occurred in early 2012 where the 64 year old defendant would, while riding with a 17 year old neighbor, touch the victim and make sexually suggestive statements to the victim.

Upon conviction, Muniz was taken into custody and scheduled for sentencing on March 12, 2013 before Circuit Judge John Brown. He faces a statutory maximum of 6 years incarceration. State Sentencing Guidelines call for a minimum sentence of 30.1 months. He would be classified as a Sexual Offender and required to register.

The case was investigated by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department and Assistant State Attorney Jennifer Lieb prosecuted the case. Ms. Lieb may be contacted at 833-9237, option #2.