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Former Border Patrol Agent Sentenced for Sexual Assault

RIVERSIDE - CA— A former U.S. Border Patrol Agent (BPA) was sentenced to eight years in state prison after pleading guilty October 23 to charges that he sexually assaulted and kidnapped a female Mexican tourist in 2009.

The Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General, conducted a joint investigation of BPA Luis E. Hermosillo with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department after it received a sexual assault complaint from the woman. The victim alleged that BPA Hermosillo inspected her vehicle at a Riverside County checkpoint. As the victim drove away, Hermosillo followed her and executed a traffic stop. During the traffic stop, Hermosillo ordered the victim to drive to a remote location, where he then sexually assaulted the victim in front of her two young children. Following the assault, Hermosillo reportedly asked the victim to dinner and dancing and gave her his phone number, which investigators later used to track him down and secure evidence of his guilt.

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