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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Authorities say a New Mexico probation officer has been accused of sexual assault.

A federal grand jury in Albuquerque indicted 35-year-old Gordon Chavez on charges related to the sexual assault of a probationer whom he supervised.

The New Mexico Corrections Department placed Chavez on administrative leave following his Dec. 4 arrest.

Authorities say Chavez is accused of violating the civil rights of the female victim by engaging in unwanted sexual contact.

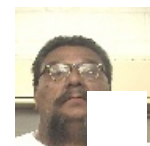
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The indictment also charges Chavez with making false statements to the FBI.

Prosecutors say Chavez faces a maximum of six years in prison on both counts if he's convicted.

It wasn't immediately clear Wednesday if Chavez has a lawyer for his case.

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