

## Trial date set for former BHC cop

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### 2014 Cop Rape Non Prostitute Jesse Samuel Hoag

KINGMAN — A December trial date was penciled in for a former Bullhead City police officer, charged with assaulting a college coed.

Jesse Samuel Hoag, 38, is charged with two counts of sexual assault. He was arrested Nov. 3, 2014, at the Bullhead City Police Department. He had been with the police department for 11 years.

Juggling their caseload, Deputy Coconino County Attorney Bryan Shea and Hoag's attorney, Lee Novak, discussed a trial date for the first two weeks in December. Novak sought to discuss the December dates with his co-counsel, otherwise, the trial could be set for the first weeks in January 2016. Shea estimated the trial would take about two weeks.

Superior Court Commissioner Billy Sipe Jr. decided to wait until the next status hearing that he set for June 25 to officially set the trial either in December or January 2016.

Hoag is in the process of moving to California and may attend the next hearing by telephone. He is released from custody on a \$35,000 bond. If convicted of each of the charges, a defendant would not be eligible for probation and could face a sentence of about five to 14 years in prison.

Hoag is charged with taking a Mohave Community College student to a Laughlin bar the night of Oct. 3, 2014, then sexually assaulting her afterwards in a parking lot at Seventh Street and Highway 95 in Bullhead City. Hoag taught a criminal justice class at MCC's Bullhead City campus and knew the victim through his MCC connection.

The Kingman Police Department investigated the alleged assault and sent its finding to the Coconino County Attorney's Office which is now prosecuting the case. Hoag resigned Dec. 10 as a sergeant from the Bullhead City Police Department.

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