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SANTA ANA – A former longtime Anaheim police officer faces up to four years in prison after he was convicted Monday of sexually assaulting an undocumented immigrant he pulled over and victimizing two other women.

Bradley Stewart Wagner, 62, of Perris, pleaded guilty to four felonies: forcible oral copulation, oral copulation under the color of authority, sexual battery by restraint and false imprisonment by violence or deceit. He also entered a guilty plea to a misdemeanor count of being an officer acting without regular process.

His sentencing is scheduled for July 14.

Wagner was initially arrested in November 2005, when a 40-year-old undocumented woman said the police officer threatened to have her deported if she did not perform a sex act for him. Wagner immediately left the department.

Four years ago, the woman [spoke to Orange County Register columnist Yvette Cabrera](#) about what happened that November night.

The woman, then a new grandmother, had left work at 12:15 a.m. She worked two jobs – one as a machine operator making auto parts from 3:30 p.m. to midnight, and the other making Jacuzzi supplies from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

After Wagner pulled her over in his patrol car, he had her follow him into an empty parking lot, the woman said. There, he fondled her breasts and as she began crying, he pulled her by her work uniform to his car and pushed her into the back seat, she recalled. That's when Wagner told her she had to have sex with him or face deportation, she said

As a car approached them, Wagner had her follow him to another parking lot, where she said he demanded she perform oral sex.

She had never performed oral sex; she pleaded and resisted, she said. But he grabbed her head and forced her down. She was so repulsed, she vomited, the woman recalled.

News of Wagner's arrest resulted in two other undocumented, Spanish-speaking women coming forward. Wagner had sexually assaulted one of the women, prosecutors said. The other woman reported that Wagner had pulled her over four times in a three-month period and asked her personal questions, including whether she was married or had children, then let her go each time without writing a ticket, prosecutors said.

"We think the women who came forward were very brave and courageous," said Anaheim police spokesman Rick Martinez on Tuesday. "Had it not been for their stepping forward we would not have known about this."

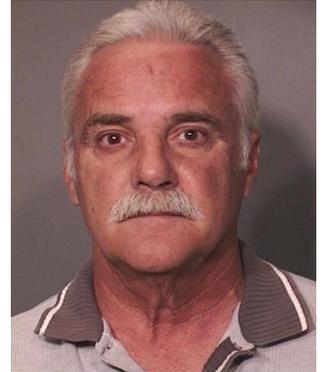
Wagner faces less prison time by agreeing to the plea bargain with prosecutors. If convicted by a jury, he would have faced up to 11 years in prison, according to Orange County District Attorney spokesperson Farrah Emami.

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