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## Former Woodbridge cop convicted a third time for sex assault

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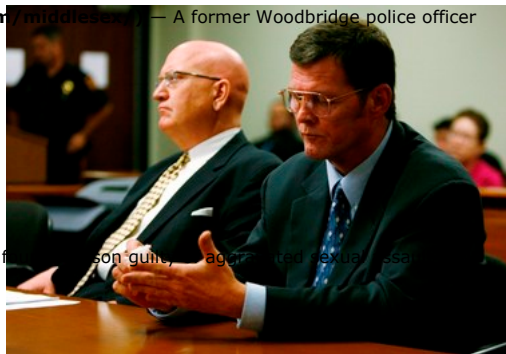
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**NEW BRUNSWICK** (<http://www.nj.com/middlesex/>) — A former Woodbridge police officer was convicted today of sexually assaulting a teenage boy over a three-year period in the 1990s.

It marks the third time Douglas Karlson, 52, of Old Bridge, was convicted of the same charges.

Jurors in Superior Court in New Brunswick found Karlson guilty of sexual assault, Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce Kaplan said in a statement.

Kaplan said the jury deliberated for about three hours before convicting Karlson. Ferencz revoked Karlson's \$250,000 bail and ordered him held in the county jail in North Brunswick. Karlson faces a sentence of up to 20 years in prison when sentenced Dec. 10.



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Douglas Karlson (right) sits in court next to attorney Thomas Buck in 2009.

Karlson had been found guilty of the charges in 2006 and 2009, but each conviction was overturned on appeal.

Prosecutors charged Karlson with assaulting the boy, between June 1994, when he was 14, and June 1998. Karlson was suspended from the Woodbridge police force after his arrest in May 2005.

One month after his conviction in 2009, Karlson pleaded guilty to official misconduct and child endangerment charges for taking semi-nude photos of a 15-year-old girl he had met on duty. However, after the conviction was overturned, he was released on bail pending the latest trial.

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