



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Arrest made in kidnapping and sexual assault**

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Adams County, Colo. (March 2, 2020):

The Adams County Sheriff's Office is investigating the kidnapping and sexual assault of an adult female.

On February 29th, 2020 at approximately 7:25 a.m., deputies were dispatched to a residence on Powhaton Road for a reported sexual assault. A preliminary investigation revealed that on Friday night, the victim was taken from a Brighton tavern, without her consent, to a ranch on Powhaton Road. The victim was forced into an outbuilding on the property.

She was then sexually assaulted and beaten at gunpoint by the suspect. The victim was able to escape in the morning and run to a neighboring ranch to get help. The residents called 911 and ACSO deputies responded. Detectives located the suspect in the outbuilding where the assault took place. Detectives also located the firearm described by the victim. The ACSO Laboratory and Crime Scene Team responded and processed the scene. The suspect was arrested and charged with the following:

DAVID LARA-RAMIREZ, 27, of unincorporated Adams County

- Kidnapping 1st degree, a class 1 felony
- Sexual Assault (firearm), a class 2 felony
- Menacing (firearm), class 5 felony

The suspect is held in the Adams County Detention Facility pending further court proceedings.

***The Adams County Sheriff's Office or North Metro Drug Task Force has determined that there is probable cause to make an arrest. The defendant(s) are presumed innocent until convicted in court. The 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (District Attorney) may decline to prosecute or refuse to file charges in this proceeding. Consequently, charges are often reduced, dropped or dismissed.***

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