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HPD Officer Indicted for Multiple Sexual Assaults

(Houston, Tx) A Houston Police Department officer has been indicted on two counts of aggravated sexual assault for incidents that occurred in early January. Abraham Joseph, 27, has been relieved of duty after the allegations surfaced late last week.

Prosecutors with the Harris County District Attorney's Office Police Integrity Division presented the results of an investigation into Joseph's conduct to the 232nd District Court Grand Jury Thursday. That Grand Jury returned indictments for the first degree felony offenses of aggravated sexual assault. Joseph faces up to life in prison for the offenses that are alleged to have occurred while he was in uniform.

District Attorney Pat Lykos confirmed the decision of the grand jury and lauded HPD for their prompt action once the allegations surfaced. "This man was a police officer who violated the public's trust and dishonored his badge. He used his status as a public servant to sexually assault women. HPD Chief Charles McClellan has been extremely cooperative in this investigation, and we will continue to work together to ensure that the citizens of Houston and Harris County can trust and rely on the men and women in uniform."

Joseph will appear in court next week for arraignment. Prosecutors have requested that Joseph be held in lieu of \$500,000 bond.