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Former Public Defender Found Guilty in Child Sex Assault Case

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – On Friday, March 6, 2026, a jury found former Colorado State Public Defender Thomas Cushing guilty of Sex Assault on a Child-Pattern of Abuse; CRS 18-3-405(1),(2)(d), a Class Three Felony.

The Colorado Springs Police Department sought and was granted a warrant for Cushing's arrest in November of 2024, after the victim's father received information that this crime(s) had occurred.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Shelby Crow and Deputy District Attorney Isaiah Rose led the prosecution efforts against Cushing on behalf of the People of the State of Colorado.

“We are grateful to the jury for their time, attention, and commitment to this case,” said District Attorney Michael J. Allen. “Cases that involve charges like this one can be extremely difficult to hear. And we're thankful for their work in helping us all keep this community safe.”

El Paso County District Court Judge Helton will decide Cushing's sentence at a hearing set for May 28, 2026, at 3 p.m.

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