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## Another Lawsuit filed for Sexual Assault of a Mentally Disabled Woman by Driver for DART Paratransit Service

The mother and guardian of Jane Doe, a mentally disabled woman with the cognitive ability of a 6-year-old child, filed a lawsuit today against Dallas Area Rapid Transit Bus Service, Irving Holdings, Inc., and driver Mohammad Ansari.

The sexual assault was caught on video by a camera inside the vehicle. It shows the driver groping and kissing Jane Doe's breasts as she sits in the passenger seat. Mr. Ansari went on to grope Jane Doe's legs and genitals.

After the sexual assault, Jane Doe told her mother what happened and went to the Richardson Police Department. Mr. Ansari pled guilty to felony aggravated sexual assault.

DART has faced other claims for its drivers' sexual assaults of their special needs passengers. Turley Law Firm attorney, Lacey Turley Most, represents Jane Doe and her mother. She explained "It is well-known—and DART is certainly aware—that mentally disabled persons are more likely to be targeted by sexual predators. It is tragic but unsurprising that a predator targeted and assaulted a young disabled woman who functions at a 6-year-old level. I hope that DART will work with us to determine where its protections failed Jane Doe and what changes will prevent this from happening in the future."

"I'm incredibly proud of both Jane Doe for reporting the assault, her mother for trusting her and pushing for justice. I wonder how many other victims couldn't explain that someone hurt them, had no one to go to for help, and were not believed when they came forward."

The suit papers are available at <a href="www.wturley.com/filings/">www.wturley.com/filings/</a> and <a href="here">here</a>. For more information, please contact Lacey Turley Most, Turley Law Firm, at 214-691-4025 or laceym@wturley.com.