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## **Bus Driver guilty of endangering the welfare of a child**

A jury in Suffolk County First District Court has convicted a former school bus driver of Endangering the Welfare of a Child after a three day trial.

Michael Dibella, 73, of 15 Irving Johnson St., East Northport, was driving a middle school student home from the Elwood District in November of 2009 when he kissed her on the lips several times.

Judge Steven Lotto will sentence Dibella on November 21.

Endangering the Welfare of a Child is a class A misdemeanor punishable by a maximum of up to one year in the county jail.

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