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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS FOR CHRISTMAS 2014 RAPE
OF WOMAN AT BUS STOP
Defendant Will Register As Sex Offender Following Release**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 13 years in prison for raping a woman who was waiting for a bus on Christmas morning of 2014.

District Attorney Clark said "This heinous act is even more tragic as it happened on a holiday of joy and peace. The defendant will now serve 13 years for his depravity and be under supervision for 20 years post-release, and his plea ensures he will be on the Sex Offender Registry."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Jose Roys, 38, of 2155 Bolton Street, Bronx, was sentenced today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Alvin Yearwood to 13 years in prison and 20 years post-release supervision. Roys pleaded guilty to an offer by the Judge to the top charge of first-degree Rape on October 25, 2016.

According to the investigation, on the early morning of December 25, 2014, Roys approached the woman, now 53 years old, who was waiting near a bus stop on Boston Road at Pelham Parkway and made small talk with her. Roys proceeded to point at something across the street and when the woman turned to look, he punched her in the face, causing her to fall.

According to the investigation, Roys told the woman, "Don't look at me or scream or I'll kill you." He then dragged her to a secluded area, struck her, demanded she disrobe and sexually assaulted her. Before fleeing with her purse, Roys told the woman not to call the cops because "I know where you live" and "my brother is watching you."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gabrielle Martin of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau under the supervision of Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau. District Attorney Clark thanked Detective Diane Crowley and the members of the NYPD's Bronx Special Victims Squad for their excellent work on the case.