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**COUNSELOR IN BRONX RESIDENCE FOR DISABLED SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS IN PRISON FOR RAPE OF SEVERELY INCAPACITATED WOMAN**  
**Defendant Also Sentenced to 20 Years Post-Release Supervision;**  
**Will Register as Sexual Offender**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a counselor in a Bronx residence for mentally handicapped adults has been sentenced to 12 years in prison for first-degree Rape of a severely disabled woman who was unable to cry for help.

District Attorney Clark said, "This defendant's crime was horrendous and cruel. He raped a non-verbal, severely mentally disabled woman for whom he was supposed to be caring. For this heartless act on such a helpless person, he will spend 12 years in prison, have 20 years post-release supervision and register as a Sexual Offender."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Thomas Lang, 62, of Bridgeport, Conn., was sentenced today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio to 12 years in prison and 20 years of post-release supervision and must register with the state's Sexual Offender Registry. Lang also waived his right to appeal.

Lang pleaded guilty on March 29, 2017 to one count of first-degree Rape. According to the investigation, Lang raped the 33-year-old woman, a resident at Abbott House, where Lang worked as a counselor. DNA testing proved the defendant had had sexual intercourse with her.

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 Special Victims Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detectives James Barrenger and Reiner Fehrenbach of the Bronx Special Victims Squad for their assistance in the case.