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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO SEVEN TO FOURTEEN YEARS IN PRISON
FOR ROBBING 81-YEAR-OLD WOMAN IN ELEVATOR
Defendant Threatened to “Cut Up” Victim If She Refused to Cooperate**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to consecutive terms totaling seven to 14 years in prison for robbing an 81-year-old woman he threatened to cut with a razor blade in her apartment building elevator.

District Attorney Clark said, “It is hard to fathom that someone could terrorize an elderly person. The victim continues to work through the trauma of the incident and struggles to leave her apartment. We hope this sentence provides her with justice and some sense of security that he will be behind bars.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Homer Griffin, 51, of Grand Concourse, was sentenced today to two consecutive terms of 3 ½ to seven years in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Hornstein. Griffin pleaded guilty to third-degree Robbery and third-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon on March 31, 2017.

According to the investigation, on the afternoon of March 3, 2017, in the area of Grand Concourse and Marcy Place, Griffin followed the victim as she stepped into her apartment building elevator. He then pretended to help her exit the elevator before holding a blade to her face and telling her, “I want the money, give me the money. I’m going to cut you.” Griffin fled with \$200.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Cassidy Crough of Trial Bureau 20 under the supervision of Meredith Holtzman, Bureau Chief of Trial Bureau 20 and the overall supervision of Nicole Keary, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division and Jeremy Shockett, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Detective Daniel Angen of the 44th Precinct Detective Squad and Ellen Kolodney, BXDA Elder Abuse Coordinator, for their work in this case.

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