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## **FORMER BRONX SCHOOL AIDE INDICTED FOR REPEATED ACTS OF RAPE OF 12-YEAR-OLD AUTISTIC BOY FOR OVER A YEAR**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a former Bronx paraprofessional has been indicted for repeated acts of rape and sexual assault against one of her former students, a 12-year-old autistic boy.

District Attorney Clark said, “Allegations of abuse against a helpless, innocent child are even more horrific and disturbing when the crimes are committed by someone who is meant to protect the child. We will work hard to secure justice for the victim, who allegedly was preyed on for more than a year.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Eleidy Breton, 27, of Olinville Avenue, has been indicted on two counts of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child, first and second-degree Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child, first, second and third-degree Rape, Use of a Child in a Sexual Performance, Promoting a Sexual Performance by a Child, Possessing a Sexual Performance by a Child, Tampering with Physical Evidence and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. She was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas and bail was continued. She is due back September 25, 2017. She faces 10 years to life in prison if convicted of the top charge.

According to the investigation, from April 2015 to approximately August 2016, in various places and on numerous occasions, Breton engaged in sexual acts, including sexual intercourse and oral sexual conduct with the victim who was 12 years old when the alleged abuse started. Upon learning the victim reported the abuse to police, the defendant instructed the child to delete evidence from his phone, including call logs and text messages.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tiffany Wichman of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau under the supervision of Rachel Ferrari, Bureau Chief of Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau and the overall supervision of Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division.

**An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant’s guilt.**