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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR PREDATORY
SEXUAL ASSAULT AGAINST A CHILD**
Defendant, A NYC Department of Correction Officer, Raped A Female Relative

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 15 years to life in prison for sexually assaulting a female relative for a period over three years, beginning when she was 10 years old.

District Attorney Clark said, "This defendant was convicted by a jury of despicable, horrific crimes against a young girl. Now 15 years old, she bravely testified in court about years of abuse starting when she was 10 years old. I hope this sentence will help in this survivor's healing."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Jose Urena, 48, a NYC Department of Correction officer, was sentenced today to 15 years to life in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Alvin M. Yearwood for Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child; 15 years in prison and 20 years post-release supervision for each charge of first-degree Rape and first-degree Incest, and one year in jail for each of two counts of second-degree Sexual Abuse and one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child. The sentences are to run concurrently. The defendant was convicted on April 16, 2018.

According to the investigation, between June 1, 2013 and August 31, 2014, the defendant engaged in sexual conduct, including sexual intercourse, with the girl. On November 8, 2016 and between January 1, 2016 and February 29, 2016, the defendant did subject her to sexual contact by touching her intimate parts

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Jill Starishevsky, Senior Trial Assistant in the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and Sandra Alcaide, of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Rachel Ferrari, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and the overall supervision of Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division. District Attorney Clark thanked BethAnn Holzhay, Director of the Crime Victims Assistance Unit, for providing counseling and support to the victim during the case.