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**BROOKLYN MAN INDICTED ON FIRST-DEGREE RAPE, CRIMINAL SEX ACT,  
ROBBERY AND OTHER CHARGES IN ATTACK ON WOMAN**  
**Defendant Allegedly Placed Victim In A Chokehold To Point Of Unconsciousness**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Brooklyn man has been charged in an indictment with the brutal attack on a 23-year-old woman who he placed into a chokehold, dragged into a stairwell, raped and robbed.

District Attorney Clark said, "This defendant is charged with allegedly choking the victim until she lost consciousness and dragging her into a stairwell, and when she regained consciousness the defendant allegedly threatened to kill her, sexually assaulted her and robbed her. We will pursue justice for this brutalized young woman."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Lynneke Burris, 30, of Brooklyn was charged in an indictment with first-degree Rape, first-degree Attempted Rape, three counts of first-degree Criminal Sexual Act, second-degree Strangulation, first-degree Burglary and two counts of second-degree Burglary, second-degree Robbery, fourth-degree Grand Larceny, fourth-degree Criminal Possession of Stolen Property and three counts of Petit Larceny. He was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. Remand was continued and he is due back in court on August 14, 2018. If convicted of the top charge, he could face up to 25 years in prison on each top count.

According to the investigation, on April 12, 2018, inside a building on Park Avenue, the defendant followed the victim into an elevator and was seen on surveillance video placing the woman in a chokehold, causing her to lose consciousness. The defendant then allegedly dragged the victim to a stairwell where she regained consciousness and upon verbal threats to her life, removed her clothing and the defendant allegedly raped her and performed other sexual acts. The defendant proceeded to demand the victim's wallet and later withdrew money from her account with her stolen debit card during three separate transactions.

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The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Astrid Borgstedt, Trial Counsel of the Child Abuse/Sex Crime Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Jessica Morak 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.

DA Clark thanked the NYPD Special Victims Squad.

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