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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 14 YEARS IN PRISON FOR RAPING
64-YEAR-OLD WOMAN IN HER APARTMENT
Defendant Followed Victim, Who Uses a Walker, Into Her Building**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 14 years in prison for sexually assaulting a 64-year-old woman who used a walker.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant forced himself into the victim’s apartment and raped her while threatening to kill her. Today’s sentence keeps a dangerous sexual predator off our streets.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Unga Smith, 41, who was living in the Bronx Psychiatric Center at the time, was sentenced to 14 years in prison and 20 years post-release supervision today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio. He will continue to be registered as a sex offender upon his release from incarceration. The defendant pleaded guilty to first-degree Rape on January 24, 2019.

According to the investigation, on the evening of January 8, 2018, inside a building in Norwood, the defendant raped the victim inside her apartment. Video surveillance showed Smith following the victim into her building and elevator. He then forcefully entered her apartment, dragged her into her bedroom and engaged in multiple sexual acts with her. Smith intimidated the victim by telling her he had a gun and that he would kill her.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Astrid Borgstedt, Trial Counsel 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 NYPD Detective Christopher D. Ort, formerly of the Bronx Special Victims Squad, and NYPD Detective Evan Johnson of the Bronx Special Victims Squad for their assistance in the investigation.

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