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**BROOKLYN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SEXUALLY ASSAULTING YOUNG
WOMAN IN BRONX BUILDING STAIRWELL
Defendant Placed Victim In Chokehold, Leaving Her Unconscious**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Brooklyn man has pleaded guilty to first-degree Criminal Sexual Act for carrying out a brutal sexual assault against a 23-year-old woman in April 2018.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant engaged in a series of violent acts against a young woman: choking her until she lost consciousness, dragging her into a stairwell and sexually assaulting her. I hope today’s plea agreement brings some measure of justice to the survivor who has been traumatized by this horrifying event.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Lynneke Burris, 31, of Brooklyn, pleaded guilty to first-degree Criminal Sexual Act today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio. As part of the plea deal, the defendant will be sentenced to 18 years in prison and 20 years post-release supervision on February 13, 2019. He will also be required to register as a sex offender upon his release from incarceration.

According to the investigation, on April 12, 2018, inside a building in the Concourse area of the Bronx, the defendant followed the victim into an elevator and put her in a chokehold, causing her to lose consciousness. He then dragged her to a stairwell where she regained consciousness. Upon receiving verbal threats to her life, the victim removed her clothing, and the defendant raped her and performed other sexual acts.

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 Juan Espaillat and the Bronx Special Victims Squad.