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**BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING WOMAN,
ASSAULTING TWO OTHER WOMEN IN HOUR-LONG SPREE OF VIOLENCE
Two Victims Were Attacked Entering Their Homes, One Leaving a Daycare Location**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted on Sexual Abuse, Robbery, Assault and additional charges for attacking three women in the Bronx within an hour on June 26, 2020.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant assaulted three women on a June morning, in the middle of the pandemic, one by one within an hour. Without provocation, the defendant beat the victims, leaving two with concussions. Two of the victims were attacked as they entered their homes, and another was assaulted when she was dropping her children off at daycare on her way to work."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Michael Rosa, 25, of 896 Melrose Avenue, was arraigned on second and third-degree Robbery, three counts of third-degree Assault, Petit Larceny, second-degree Assault, first and third-degree Sexual Abuse, and Forcible Touching before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Michael Gross on October 2, 2020. Bail was continued at \$150,000 and the defendant is due back in court on January 15, 2021.

According to the investigation, on June 26, 2020 at 7:05 a.m. in front of a Steuben Avenue building, the defendant approached a 17-year-old woman from behind while she was attempting to enter her apartment. Rosa allegedly struck the victim on the side of her face, causing her to fall to the ground. He then stole her iPhone and fled. The victim was taken to which North Central Bronx Hospital for treatment.

At approximately 7:30 a.m. on Hull Avenue, the defendant followed a 24-year-old woman into an apartment building. Rosa grabbed her by the neck and shoulders as she entered her apartment, and threw her down a small flight of stairs, causing her to fall to the ground head first. Rosa then fled the scene. The victim was left with a laceration and bruises to her head. She also had bruises on her shoulders, thighs legs, knees and chest. She was taken to Jacobi Hospital for treatment.



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Approximately a half hour after the second incident, the defendant grabbed a 27-year-old woman from behind as she exited a building on Reservoir Oval West. Rosa then threw her to the floor and punched her multiple times about the body. He then pulled down her pants, lifted her up by the ankles and struck her on her bare buttocks. The defendant struck the victim multiple times about the body again, then fled the scene. The victim was left with bruises on her face and eyes, and scratches to her left shoulder. She was taken to North Central Bronx Hospital where she was treated for her injuries.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sarah Dale-Schmidt of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Astrid Borgstedt, Senior Trial Counsel, Rachel Ferrari, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Yolanda Siders-Lewis of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau. District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Officer Eddy Soriano and NYPD Detective Carolyn Tully, both of the Bronx Special Victims Squad.

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

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