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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SEXUALLY
ASSAULTING 12 YEAR-OLD-GIRL IN BUILDING ALLEY
Defendant Pleaded Guilty to First-Degree Criminal Sexual Act**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 12 years in prison for sexually assaulting a 12-year-old girl in Mount Eden in 2017.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant followed a 12-year-old girl, who was on her way back home from a store, and sexually assaulted her in broad daylight. He also terrified the child by threatening to kill her and her family. We hope today's sentence brings some solace to the victim and her family."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Malcolm Lugo, 24, last of 3988 Bronxwood Avenue, was sentenced today to 12 years in prison and 20 years post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice James McCarty. The defendant will also be required to register as a sex offender upon his release from incarceration. The defendant pleaded guilty to first-degree Criminal Sexual Act on March 12, 2021.

According to the investigation, at 11:00 a.m. on August 13, 2017, near 1686 Weeks Avenue, the victim was returning from a store when the defendant spotted her and followed her for a block. Video surveillance shows Lugo grabbing the victim from behind and dragging her into an alley. Lugo pressed what the victim believed to be a gun to her head and threatened to kill her. The defendant then sexually assaulted the victim and engaged in oral sexual conduct. Before fleeing the scene, the defendant told the victim he knew where her family was and threatened to kill them. When the child returned home, she told her mother what had happened and she called 911.

Surveillance videos show the defendant changing and throwing away his clothes after the incident, and at several friends' houses across the city, in an attempt to evade authorities. Lugo fled to Massachusetts and was arrested after a six-week manhunt.



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The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kathleen Baer, Supervisor in the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of 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 Assistant District Attorney Anthony Perrotto and Trial Preparation Assistant Vanessa Cabrera Deleon, both of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes, for their assistance in the investigation. District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Detective Harris Goldner of the Bronx Special Victims Squad and retired NYPD Detective Daniel Robbins of the Bronx Warrant Squad.

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