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BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR RAPING WOMAN IN BUILDING ELEVATOR **Defendant Charged with Rape, Robbery and Additional Charges**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted for raping a 40-year-old woman and robbing her in her building elevator.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly brutally attacked a woman at knifepoint, stealing her money, and then raping her. The defendant was on parole for rape and robbery when he committed this crime. We will do everything in our power to keep women in the Bronx safe."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Ramon Rotestan, 46, of 3560 Webster Avenue in the Bronx was arraigned on Predatory Sexual Assault, first-degree Rape, first-degree Robbery, first-degree Burglary, first-degree Sexual Abuse, and fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. He was remanded and is due back August 16, 2022.

According to the investigation, on May 9, 2022 the defendant allegedly followed a 40-year-old woman into her apartment building in the Pelham Parkway section and then into the elevator. Once inside, the defendant took out a knife and demanded the victim hand over all her money which was \$112. He then allegedly patted her down and raped her in the elevator. A neighbor made noise in the hallway outside the elevator which startled the defendant leading him to run off. The entire attack was recorded on a security camera.

The defendant is a registered sex offender and was released from state prison on parole 39 days prior to this attack for convictions of first-degree Rape, Sexual Abuse and Robbery.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tiffany Wichman of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Deputy Chief Johanna Hernandez of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, Mimi Mairs, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Division, and Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division.



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District Attorney Clark thanked Detective Shaniqua Clark and Detective Ernesto Castillo of the NYPD Bronx Special Victims Squad, and Detective Michael Gersch, and Officer Mark Polak of the 49th Precinct.

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

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