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**LONG ISLAND MAN INDICTED FOR SEXUAL ABUSE, STRANGULATION AND  
ASSAULT OF WOMAN HE MET ON DATING APP**  
**Victim Viciously Attacked in Bronx Apartment**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Long Island man has been indicted for sexually abusing, choking and holding against her will a former intimate partner he met on a dating app.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant and the victim had dated for about a month, and when she told him the relationship was over, he allegedly refused to let her leave, assaulted her and strangled her. She endured a nightmare. This is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and we urge everyone to be vigilant about intimate partner violence and use caution on dating apps. ”

District Attorney Clark said Herman Brightman, AKA Nazir, 30, of Branch Avenue, Central Islip, was arraigned today on first-degree Sexual Abuse, Forcible touching, second-degree Strangulation, Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation, second-degree Assault, third-degree Assault, second-degree Unlawful Imprisonment, and fourth-degree Criminal Mischief before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Kim Parker. The defendant is due back in court on January 10, 2024.

According to the investigation, Brightman and the victim met on Hinge, an online dating app and had dated for about a month. On September 28, 2023, at approximately 9 p.m. inside the victim’s apartment in the Parkchester section, they engaged in a dispute and the defendant repeatedly struck her as well as strangled her. The defendant prevented her from leaving the apartment, trapping her inside, subjecting her to physical and sexual abuse. Through the bravery and quick thinking of the victim and her best friend who called the police and raced to the apartment to help, she was able to escape and get assistance.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Peter Kreatsoulas of the Domestic Violence Bureau, under the supervision of Supervisor Heather McMahon, Deputy Chief Simon Folkard, Deputy Chief Jena Rizzo-McClure, and Chief of Domestic Violence Bureau Agata



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DiGiovanni, under the overall supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Division, and Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Assistant District Attorney Allison Kline, Trial Preparation Assistants Marsha Annasingh, Joel Polanco, and Court Coordinator Miguel Gomez for their assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark also thanked Parkchester Police, specifically Officer Eric Nunez, for the arrest and their assistance in this prosecution.

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

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