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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 14 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING
13-YEAR-OLD BOY HE COACHED IN BASEBALL**
Abuse Lasted Four Months and Included Sexual Online Communication

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 14 years in prison for repeated acts of sexual abuse against a 13-year-old boy he coached on a neighborhood baseball team.

District Attorney Clark said, “This defendant preyed on a child who trusted him as his baseball coach. We hope that this consecutive sentence brings a measure of justice to the victim and his family and I am confident that the Bronx is a safer place today with this defendant behind bars for many years.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Lloyd Watson, 30, of 1201 Findlay Ave., was sentenced on Sept. 6, 2017 by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Miriam Best to two consecutive sentences of seven years for two counts of second-degree Criminal Sexual Act, totaling 14 years in prison. The defendant was also sentenced to one year for Endangering the Welfare of a Child, which will run concurrently and will be followed by 10 years post-release supervision. Upon release, he will register as a sexual offender. Watson was convicted by a jury on July 28, 2017 after a three-week trial.

According to the investigation, the defendant recruited the 13-year-old boy to his recreational baseball team, the New York Cardinals, in April of 2015 and sexually abused the boy, which included oral sexual conduct, throughout the summer of 2015. The defendant also engaged in sexual conversations with the victim via Facebook Messenger. The abuse ended when Watson was arrested in September of 2015.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Kathleen Baer and Jessica Morak 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. DA Clark thanked the NYPD’s Special Victims Unit and Computer Crimes Unit.