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**BRONX MAN TO GET 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ATTACKING TWO FEMALES HE KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS AND LEFT SEMI-NAKED
Defendant Pleaded Guilty to Attempted Assault and Attempted Robbery**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has pleaded guilty to two 2016 attacks in which he knocked the victims unconscious and removed items of their clothing. In one attack, he broke the jaw of a 15-year-old girl near Bronx Park.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant brutally beat a young girl who refused his sexual advances and a young woman who had willingly handed over her phone. He will now serve 15 years behind bars for his depravity and we hope this sentence brings a measure of peace and justice to the two brave survivors.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Shaun Lewis, 28, of Lurting Avenue, pleaded guilty today to Attempted Assault in the first-degree and Attempted Robbery in the second-degree before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio. He will be sentenced to 15 years in prison followed by 5 years post-release supervision on February 27, 2018. At the time of the attacks, the defendant was on parole for a robbery in which he beat a woman and may be sentenced to additional time for violating his parole terms.

According to the investigation, on the early morning of October 24, 2016, Lewis exposed himself to the teenage girl and demanded she “touch it” while in the vicinity of Bronx Park. When the girl refused, the defendant repeatedly struck her face, kicked her and choked her into unconsciousness. When she awoke her pants and underwear had been removed. He then grabbed her breast before she was able to flee.

According to the investigation, on the night of April 21, 2016, on Wickham Avenue, Lewis approached a then-33-year-old woman and demanded her cell phone. Upon handing over her phone, the woman asked the defendant to send the photos on her phone to her husband. The victim was knocked unconscious and awoke with her pants removed. She suffered bruising, swelling and extreme pain to her jaw.

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jill Starishevsky, Senior Trial Assistant 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 detectives of the Bronx Special Victims.