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BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR RAPING WOMAN IN MOTT HAVEN PARK

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a man has been indicted for first-degree Rape for an attack on a 35-year-old woman in the Mott Haven neighborhood.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant allegedly approached the woman on a street corner and asked for directions, then forced the victim into a park area and raped her. The victim is receiving services from our Crime Victims Assistance Bureau. “

District Attorney Clark said Papa Diop, 38, last of 725 East 221st Street, was indicted on first-degree Rape, first-degree Sexual Abuse, and third-degree Rape. He was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Laurence Busching. Bail was continued at \$250,000 cash/\$750,000 bond/\$750,000 bond partially secured at 10%. The defendant is due back in court on November 12, 2024.

According to the investigation, on August 5, 2024, at approximately 1:25 a.m., near the intersection of 149th Street and Bergen Avenue, Diop approached the 35-year-old victim who was a stranger and asked for directions. As captured on video surveillance, Diop pressed his arm to her throat and threatened to hit her. He then raped the victim and fled. She immediately called the police and was transported by ambulance to a hospital for treatment. As part of the investigation, NYPD Detectives created a wanted flyer from video surveillance that captured Diop. He was arrested on August 10, 2024, at the subway station at the Grand Concourse and East 149th Street after a police officer recognized Diop from the wanted flyer.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachael Baughman of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Mimi Mairs, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and 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 Trial Preparation Assistant Elaina Clarke of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau for her assistance. District Attorney Clark thanked Detective Vanessa Rivera of the NYPD Special Victims Division, Adult Squad and Police Officer Devin Cronin from the 43rd precinct for their work on the investigation.



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