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## BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 34 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR RAPING TWO WOMEN, SEXUALLY ASSAULTING A THIRD WOMAN IN HIS HOME; ONE VICTIM RESCUED AFTER SEEKING HELP ON FOOD-DELIVERY APP

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to a total of 34 years to life in prison for raping two women and sexually assaulting a third woman over the course of six days in his Eastchester apartment. One victim was rescued after sending a message on a food delivery app, asking the restaurant to call police.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant brutally sexually assaulted three women. Thanks to the quick thinking of one of the victims, we were able to hold this sexual predator accountable, and prevent him from terrorizing additional victims."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Kemoy Royal, 34, of Pratt Avenue, the Bronx, was sentenced today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Jeffrey Zimmerman to 34 years to life in prison. The defendant was sentenced to 17 years to life in prison for Predatory Sexual Assault, 10 years for first-degree Rape, and 7 years for Attempted Criminal Sexual Act in the first degree. These sentences are to run consecutively. The defendant was convicted by a jury on May 14, 2024, after a two-day deliberation. Upon his release from prison, he must register under the Sex Offender Registration Act or SORA.

According to the investigation, on June 13, 2022, the defendant met with a 27-year-old woman whom he had been speaking to on a dating app for a few days and invited her to his home. The defendant raped the victim, forced her to perform sexual acts on him and performed sexual acts on the victim without her consent.

On June 14, 2022, the defendant met the second victim, a 26-year-old woman, on the street claiming he knew her through a friend. The defendant lured her to his apartment, refused to let her leave, and threatened to kill her. Royal attempted to force her to perform sexual acts on him and strangled her before letting her leave hours later.



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On June 18, 2022, the third victim, a 24-year-old woman, met with the defendant at his home after talking on a dating app. Royal refused to let her leave, took her phone, and threatened to kill her. He strangled the victim and raped her and forced her to perform sexual acts. Early the next morning, she told Royal she wanted to order food, and ordered food through a food delivery app, asking the restaurant to call the police. The Yonkers restaurant called the police, who responded and arrested the defendant.

The case was prosecuted by Major Case Assistant District Attorney Victoria Nuñez and Assistant District Attorney Rebecca Farrar of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of 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.

District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistants Jaquelin Rodriguez-Dominguez and Elaina Clarke of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, Human Trafficking Unit Social Worker/Victim's Advocate Tiffany Pringle, Victim Advocate Jenette Gambaro, Domestic Violence Victim Advocate Melissa Palacios Fernandez, and Director of Children and Family Services Evelyn Trinidad Armenia, of the Crime Victims Assistance Bureau; as well as DNA Specialist Nana Lamouse-Welch of the Forensic Science Unit, and Video Unit Supervisor Joao D'Alessandro.

District Attorney Clark also thanked Office of Chief Medical Examiner Department of Forensic Biology Criminalist Cassandra Williams, NYPD Officer Maura Delohery of the 47<sup>th</sup> Precinct, NYPD Detectives Malik Wright, and Carolyn Tully of the Bronx Special Victims Squad, for their work in the investigation.