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Press Release

Lent admits Quincy rape Gets 8 to 10 years State Prison

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Steven Lent, 28 pled guilty in Norfolk Superior Court today (December 20, 2016) to all of the indictments against him stemming from a kidnapping, assault, and rape in Quincy on March 5, 2016, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

"Quincy Police responded to Lent's apartment after multiple 911 calls prompted by the victim's screams. As officers arrived they observed her running from the apartment without clothing, apparently after another woman had been banging on the door and windows to the unit," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Quincy police surrounded the apartment for an hour, finally convincing Lent to surrender. He emerged from the apartment still wearing the ankle bracelet associated with his release on sexual assault charges in another county."

Lent initially made contact with the victim and another woman through backpage.com, a web site known to law enforcement to be used to facilitate prostitution transactions, the woman told detectives at the hospital. The second woman had declined to enter Lent's apartment after becoming fearful based on Lent's text messages.

Once inside, Lent pulled a black knife on the victim and held the knife to her throat, tackling her on the stairs when she tried to flee, strangled her to unconsciousness and repeatedly raped her.

"From the moment they arrived, the Quincy Police Department handled this investigation perfectly. They executed a search warrant for the property and recovered the burned remains of the victim's clothing, the knife and other evidence," Morrissey said. "There is little doubt in my mind that the strength and professional nature of the investigation colored Lent's decision to plead guilty across the board. Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth McLaughlin and Victim/Witness Advocate Kristen Keating did very good work with the prosecution."

Judge Thomas Connors imposed the 8 to 10 years state prison requested by Assistant District Attorney McLaughlin, and imposed 10 years of probation following his incarceration. Conditions of probation include: Abstain from drugs with random testing; Substance abuse evaluation and follow all recommendations; Mental health evaluation and follow all recommendations; Sex offender evaluation and follow all recommendations; Comply with Sex Offender Registry Board; GPS monitoring; Stay away/no contact with victim and witness.

Lent pled guilty to aggravated rape, kidnapping, witness intimidation, strangulation, assault and battery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, sexual conduct for a fee and indecent assault and battery on a person over age 14.