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Press Release

IRVING SENTENCED TO 36 to 40 Years

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Gary Irving, who has been a fugitive from justice for 34 years following his conviction on rape and kidnapping charges in Norfolk Superior Court in June of 1979, was sentenced today for those crimes in Norfolk Superior Court.

Assistant District Attorney Michele Armour requested that Irving be sentenced to 40 to 50 years on the first rape victim, 40 to 50 years ON AND AFTER (consecutive) on the second rape victim, and 8 to 10 years ON AND AFTER those sentences on a kidnapping charge. She requested lifetime probation supervision after release ordered on the remainder of the convictions.

Judge Kenneth J. Fishman sentenced Irving to 18 to 20 years on one rape, with 18 to 20 years ON AND AFTER (consecutive) on a second rape with a 7 to 10 year concurrent sentence on the kidnapping, with 20 years' probation on the other counts.

District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey made the following remarks immediately after the sentencing of Gary A. Irving in Norfolk Superior Court on May 23, 2013:

Today provides, finally, some answer to the survivors of these crimes. This predator is finally going to prison for these attacks. To those women, I am personally sorry that you have waited so long for justice.

I am sorry that so much strength and perseverance was asked of you. That the courage and resolve you showed testifying in 1979 resulted in decades of continuing injustice.

Today does not erase that injustice, but does end it.

Putting aside the disregard for his victims and justice itself this rapist showed by being on the run for 34 years, we felt that the calculated brutality of these crimes, the repeated nature of these attacks, warranted a very long prison term. We are pleased that the Court has now ordered a long prison term.

It is appropriate to thank the dogged work of the Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section and the local police departments from Florida to the South Shore towns of Weymouth, Cohasset and Holbrook, to Maine who helped them in their long hunt.

To survivors of other crimes who are still waiting for justice: Know that law enforcement does not give up and does not give in.

And to the women who testified in 1979 and who are watching today, it is my hope that this brings some measure of relief. And I personally thank you for your courage.