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17-year fugitive sentence for 2005 rape

After 17 years as a fugitive from justice following his conviction for aggravated rape, Tuen K. Lee, 55, has been sentenced to 18 to 20 in State Prison, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Assistant District Attorney Lisa Beatty asked Norfolk Superior Court Judge Joseph Leighton to sentence Lee to 28 to 30 years in State Prison. Lee fled during his 2007 trial on charges that he broke into the victim's Quincy apartment in 2005 while masked and wearing gloves, bound her and brutally sexually assaulted her. The Norfolk Superior Court jury convicted him of aggravated rape, kidnapping, and associated charges.

After Lee fled the state, the case was featured in an episode of the national television program "America's Most Wanted" for the purpose of locating him. The victim had worked at a restaurant where Lee worked as a manager. Although Lee was masked during the assault, the victim recognized his putrid breath, which was attributed to his use of traditional herbal medicines.

His identity was further established at trial.

"The State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section and Quincy Police never forgot about this case, and that persistence finally led to Lee's capture in California," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Judge Leighton imposed a sentence of 18 to 20 years in state prison, followed by 5 years' probation with substantial conditions. We strongly believed that a substantial period of incarceration was appropriate given the brutality of the crime and demonstrated lack of remorse."

Lee was represented by Attorney Phil Tracy.