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**GRAND JURY INDICTS BROOKLYN TEENAGER IN KNIFE-POINT RAPE**

*Defendant's Bail Increased from \$5,000 To \$2 Million;  
Defendant Also Charged In Criminal Court With Robbing Two Stores;  
Faces a Maximum of Up to 25 Years to Life in Prison if Convicted*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Queens County grand jury has indicted 17-year-old Donovan Fenton, of Brooklyn, with predatory sexual assault, first-degree rape and other crimes for the alleged attack of a 50-year-old shopkeeper on May 6, 2017.

District Attorney Brown said, "The allegations in this case are very disturbing. The defendant is accused of raping a 50-year-old shopkeeper, who was forced into her store's basement at knife-point where she was viciously violated. The defendant now faces significant jail time."

The District Attorney said defendant Donovan Fenton, 17, of MacDonough Street in Brooklyn, is charged in an eight-count indictment with predatory sexual assault, first-degree rape, first-degree criminal sexual act, first-degree sexual abuse, first-degree robbery, fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon and unlawful possession of marihuana. If convicted, Fenton faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

At Fenton's arraignment today before Queens County Supreme Court Justice Richard L. Buchter, prosecutors noted that the defendant's DNA matched the semen from the rape kit and a fingerprint found on a door of the basement where the sexual assault is alleged to have occurred also was a match for the 17-year-old defendant. In setting bail, Justice Buchter said "This Court finds the current bail to be wholly and absurdly inadequate" and increased the bail to \$2 million bond or \$1 million cash and ordered the defendant to return to court on June 21, 2017. Additional charges related to alleged robberies of two stores are pending against the defendant in Queens Criminal Court.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the indictment, on May 6, 2017, Fenton is alleged to have walked into a discount shop on Jamaica Avenue. He allegedly displayed a knife and threatened to kill the woman. The defendant is alleged to have ordered the 50-year-old victim to go down into the basement with him, where at knife-point forced her to commit oral sex on him and then raped her. The defendant then fled on foot – but not before grabbing cash from the store's register.

The investigation was conducted by detectives and police officers of the New York City Police Department's 102<sup>nd</sup> Precinct and the Queens Special Victims Squad.

Assistant District Attorney Marilyn Filingeri, of the District Attorney Brown's Special Victims Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Kenneth M. Appelbaum, Bureau Chief, Debra Lynn Pomodore and Eric C. Rosenbaum, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Brad Leventhal.

It should be noted that an indictment is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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