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**FLUSHING MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON**  
**FOR KNIFE-POINT RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE OF TWO WOMEN**  
*Defendant Attacked Victims in Kissena Park on Consecutive Days in July of 2017*

Acting District Attorney John M. Ryan today announced that a 31-year-old Flushing, Queens, man has been sentenced 15 years in prison for the heinous knife-point rape of one woman and the sexual abuse of another victim the next day. Both attacks occurred in Kissena Park in July of 2017.

Acting District Attorney Ryan said, "Two women were viciously violated by this defendant, who pounced on them in one of our neighborhood parks. The defendant threatened both victims with a knife and caused them to fear for their lives. This kind of brutality will not be tolerated in our parks or anywhere else in Queens County. The defendant pleaded guilty to these vile acts and he is now going to prison for a very long time - a just sentence for his crimes."

The District Attorney's Office identified the defendant as Charles Tobin, 31, of Kissena Boulevard in the Flushing section of Queens. The defendant pleaded guilty last month to first-degree rape and first-degree sexual abuse before Queens Supreme Court Justice Richard L. Buchter, who today imposed the determinate sentence of 15 years in prison on the rape charge and seven years incarceration on the sexual assault charge. The sentences are to run concurrently, to be followed by 10 years' post release supervision.

According to the charges, Tobin held a knife to a 32-year-old woman as she walked in Kissena Park just before 11 p.m. on July 18, 2017. At first, the defendant demanded money. And the victim handed over cash from her purse. Tobin then responded by forcing the victim to perform a sex act on him and then he raped her at knife-point.

In the second incident, according to the charges, Tobin held a knife to a 17-year-old female jogger, who was inside Kissena Park at approximately 11 p.m. the following night, on July 19, 2017. He demanded money from the teenager and when she told him that she did not have any money, Tobin stated to her, in sum and substance, "Then you will have to do something for me." At which time, he held a knife to her neck and sexually abused her before forcing her to perform a sex act on him.

Assistant District Attorney Talia Seidel, with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney and Section Chief Alison L. Andrews, both of the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau, prosecuted 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 under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Brad A. Leventhal.

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