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FAR ROCKAWAY MAN SENTENCED TO
43 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SEXUAL ABUSE OF STEPSON

Defendant Convicted at Trial of Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that a 43-year-old defendant was sentenced to 43 years in prison after being convicted at trial of sexually abusing his stepson. The abuse occurred over a period of seven years beginning when the youngster was 9 years old until he was 15 years old.

District Attorney Katz said: “Instead of providing a safe environment for his family, the defendant subjected this young victim to unspeakable abuse that continued for seven years. The abuse only stopped when he came forward to school personnel. We are committed to prosecuting child predators who prey on vulnerable children, and we will continue to support the brave survivor as he continues to heal.”

The defendant, 43, of Far Rockaway was convicted on May 4 by a jury of course of sexual conduct against a child in the first degree, endangering the welfare of a child, two counts of criminal sexual act in the second degree, four counts of sexual abuse in the third degree and criminal sexual act in the third degree.

Supreme Court Justice Peter Vallone Jr. sentenced the defendant today to 43 years in prison and 10 years of post-release supervision. The defendant must register as a sex offender when he is released.

District Attorney Katz said that, according to the charges, beginning around September 2016 the defendant started touching the child’s genitals when the boy was 9 years old. The sexual abuse continued until 2023 with the boy subjected to oral and anal sexual contact. The abuse paused only briefly during the COVID lockdown when more people were in the residence.

In May 2023, the child disclosed the abuse to his school principal and guidance counselor and the defendant was arrested.

Assistant District Attorney Samantha Delao of the District Attorney’s Special Victims Bureau prosecuted the case and under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Brian Hughes, Bureau Chief, Debra Lynn Pomodore and Lauren Parson, Deputy Chiefs, and under the overall supervision of Executive District Attorney for Special Prosecutions Jared R. Rosenblatt.

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