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QUEENS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO PREDATORY SEXUAL ASSAULT AND ROBBERY FOR TWO KNIFEPOINT MASSAGE PARLOR ROBBERIES

Johvanny Young Raped Woman at Knifepoint in Jamaica; Also Attacked Pedestrian in Jamaica Hills and Carjacked Woman in Corona in Separate Incidents
Expected to be Sentenced to 13 Years to Life in Prison

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Johvanny Young pleaded guilty to predatory sexual assault, robbery and other crimes for two massage parlor burglaries in 2023. During one of the burglaries, a masseuse was raped at knifepoint. He also pleaded guilty to an unrelated carjacking and an assault of a woman who was walking down the street with her husband.

District Attorney Katz said: "This defendant caused terror and havoc on our streets. In four separate incidents Johvanny Young attacked women – in robberies, burglaries, a carjacking and a knifepoint rape. He robbed two massage parlors within weeks and left the second one only when he heard police sirens outside. Thanks to the work of my prosecutors and our law enforcement partners, this defendant was apprehended and has now pleaded guilty for these crimes."

Young, 20, of Jamaica, pleaded guilty on November 19 to three counts of predatory sexual assault, two counts of rape in the first degree, criminal sexual act in the first degree, two counts of robbery in the first and second degree, two counts of burglary in the second degree and sexual abuse in the first degree.

He also pleaded guilty to two counts of robbery in the first degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree, assault in the second degree and other related charges in connection with two separate incidents.

Queens Criminal Court Judge John Zoll ordered the defendant, who is presently remanded, to return to court on January 11, 2027, when he is expected to be sentenced to 13 years to life in prison.

District Attorney Katz said that, according to the charges, on September 17, 2023, at approximately 2:30 a.m., Young and an accomplice entered a massage parlor on 164th Street in Jamaica while wearing masks and confronted two female employees. One employee escaped from the massage parlor. Young briefly followed her and then returned to the massage parlor.

Young grabbed the second female employee who pleaded with him not to hurt her. Young dragged the woman into a bathroom and sexually assaulted her. The defendant then dragged the victim into another

room and raped her.

On October 1, 2023, at approximately 10 p.m., Young and an accomplice entered a massage parlor on Union Turnpike in Flushing while wearing masks and armed with knives. Young brandished a knife and demanded money from two female employees. Police sirens sounded outside prompting Young to drop his knife and flee the premises with $60 taken from inside.

After the September incident, the female victim was taken to a local hospital for treatment which included a rape kit. The rape kit was submitted to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner which established a probable DNA match to a sample previously submitted by the defendant.

On April 20, 2023, Young and another man approached a couple walking on 164th Street in Jamaica Hills. Young covered the woman's mouth with his hand, pulled her to the ground between two parked vehicles and demanded money. The victim handed cash to Young.

On March 14, 2024, Young approached a woman sitting in the driver's seat of her Toyota Highlander on 98th Street in Corona, displayed a gun and demanded that she exit the car. Young then entered the car and drove off. Police followed the Highlander with the aid of aviation until it crashed into another vehicle near 233rd Street and Northern Boulevard. Young fled on foot but was apprehended by police.

Assistant District Attorney Sean Jaime, Section Chief of the District Attorney's Public Corruption Bureau, is prosecuting the case with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Michael Sugamele of Felony Trial Bureau I, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Brian Hughes, Bureau Chief of the Special Victims Bureau, Lauren Parson and Tracey Downing, Deputy Chiefs, George Kanellopoulos, Assistant Deputy Chief, and Rosemary Chao, Bureau Chief of Felony Trial Bureau I, Barry Weinrib, Senior Deputy Chief, Andrea Medina, Deputy Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive District Attorney for Special Prosecutions Jared R. Rosenblatt and Executive Assistant District Attorney for the Supreme Court Trial Division Pishoy B. Yacoub.

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