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Defendant Found Guilty of Predatory Sexual Assault and First Degree Rape

Faces Up To 25 Years to Life in State Prison



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that SALAM AL HAIDERI, 24, of Niskayuna, was found guilty following a jury trial of (1) Count of Predatory Sexual Assault, a Class A-II Felony, and (1) Count of Rape in the First Degree, a Class B Violent

Felony, before the Honorable Roger McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this afternoon.

On June 2, 2013 in the area of Central Avenue and Vly Road in the Town of Colonie, the defendant forcibly raped a 19 year old victim by a dumpster behind a pizza shop. During the assault AL HAIDERI repeatedly slammed the victim's face in to the ground.

Following the violent sexual assault, the victim went to a convenience store in the immediate area and told an employee that she had been raped. The victim suffered multiple physical injuries during the assault, specifically, a fractured orbital bone, fractured nose and broken ribs.

AL HAIDERI faces up to 25 years to Life in State Prison when sentenced on May 16, 2014. The defendant will remain in custody at the Albany County Correctional Facility without bail to await sentencing.

"This month is sexual assault awareness month, but every day of the year victims should know that there are advocates and professionals in the community who work tirelessly on their behalf in the pursuit of justice. I sincerely want to thank the members of the jury, Assistant District Attorney Cleary, members of the Colonie Police Department, the Albany Crime Analysis Center and the staff at the Albany Medical Center for their hard work on this tragic case," commented District Attorney Soares.

Assistant District Attorney Chantelle Cleary of the Special Victims Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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