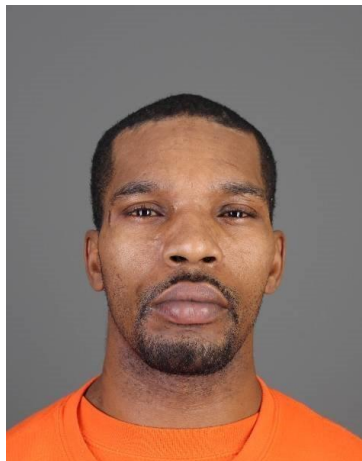


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Sentencing in Albany Kidnapping and Rape Trial



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that ABDUL TROWELL, 34, of Albany, was sentenced to 15 years in State Prison, to be followed by 15 years of Post-Release Supervision, before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this morning.

TROWELL must register as a Sexual Offender upon release from State Prison.

On November 5, 2018, TROWELL was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Kidnapping in the Second Degree, as a Class B Sexually Motivated Felony, (1) Count of Rape in the First

Degree, a Class B Felony, and (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony.

After hearing evidence and witness testimony over a week-long trial, jurors concluded that during the early morning hours of November 6, 2017, near a residence on Eagle Street in the City of Albany, TROWELL abducted an unconscious adult female from a vehicle and brought her to his Eagle Street residence for the purpose of his own direct sexual gratification. The jury found that, while inside his apartment with the still unconscious female victim, TROWELL possessed and displayed a knife with the intent to use it unlawfully against the victim's male friend, while demanding that he leave the apartment and leave the unconscious female behind. The jury also concluded that TROWELL subsequently engaged in sexual intercourse with the female who remained unconscious and therefore was physically helpless.

Special Victims Unit Bureau Chief Shannon Sarfoh handled the prosecution of this case.

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