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## Defendant Found Guilty of First Degree Rape

*Faces Up to 25 Years in State Prison at Sentencing*



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that GENE BOWMAN, 36, of Albany, was found guilty following a jury trial of (1) Count of Rape in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this afternoon.

On January 15, 2012 at about 6:30am, the defendant forcibly raped a victim in a parking lot on Central Avenue in the City of Albany. During the assault, the defendant strangled and repeatedly

hit the victim in the head with a closed fist. The defendant also told the victim that he would kill her if she resisted. Following the assault, the victim ran towards several witnesses screaming she had just been raped.

The defendant was arrested on June 10, 2013 following an investigation by the Albany Police Department which matched DNA that was collected from sexual assault evidence that was matched with the defendant's DNA.

BOWMAN faces up to 25 years in State Prison when sentenced on June 2, 2014. The defendant was remanded into custody without bail at the Albany County Correctional Facility to await sentencing and must register as a Sex Offender following his release from incarceration.

"I want to thank Detective Jason Vogel, Detective Kevin Quinlivan and the officers of the Albany Police Department for their tireless commitment to the victim and this case. This felony rape conviction could not have been secured without them," commented District Attorney Soares.

Assistant District Attorney Brett Knowles of the Special Victims Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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