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50 Years to Life Sentence For Violent Colonie Rapist



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that HAROLD JACKSON, 50, of Colonie, was sentenced to 50 years to Life in State Prison before Honorable Judge Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning for a forcible rape which occurred in the Town of Colonie in 2015.

On July 28, 2016, JACKSON was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Rape in the First Degree, a Class B Felony, and (1) Count of Criminal Sex Act in the First Degree, a Class B Felony.

On May 13, 2015, while in the area of First Street in the Town of Colonie, JACKSON did forcibly rape

a female individual who was known to him. JACKSON was arrested by Town of Colonie Police officers following an investigation.

JACKSON was previously designated as a Level 3 Sex Offender for a prior violent sexual conviction in the 1980's. After a hearing at the time of sentencing today, JACKSON was designated a persistent violent felony offender based upon two prior violent felony convictions. This designation allowed the Court to sentence JACKSON to 25 years to Life on each count, which the Court ordered to run consecutive.

“We encourage all concerned citizens to utilize Offender Watch, a searchable database where users can search for sex offenders who reside in their community,” commented DA Soares. “Links to Offender Watch are available on our website [here](#).”

Assistant District Attorneys Caroline Murray and Matthew Schrantz of the Special Victims Unit prosecuted this case.

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