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Ruben Garcia Convicted of Rape in the First Degree

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Jury found 46 year old Ruben Garcia guilty of Rape in the First Degree. On April 30th, 2005, Garcia raped an 18 year old woman who was walking alone along North Clinton Avenue in the City of Rochester. There were no witnesses to the crime that evening, and the victim could not identify her attacker as he was a stranger to her, thus the crime went unsolved. In 2011, Ruben Garcia was convicted of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree for another sexual attack and as a result his DNA was collected and sent to the FBI to be added to the Combined DNA Index System database (CODIS). In 2013, the testing of the sexual assault kit collected from the victim at the time of the incident was complete and investigators were told of a match implicating Garcia in the 2005 rape on Clinton Avenue.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Buckley, Chief of the Sex Crimes Bureau.

"As a result of the victim's brave testimony and the sophisticated DNA technology now available in our Monroe County Crime Lab, a dangerous sexual predator will now be off our streets," said Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Buckley. "Ruben Garcia faces up to 25 years with the NY State Department Corrections for his actions on the night of April 30th 2005."

Ruben Garcia is scheduled to be sentenced by Justice Francis A. Affronti on September 15, 2015.

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