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QUEENS MAN INDICTED ON PREDATORY SEXUAL ASSAULT, RAPE, KIDNAPPING AND OTHER CHARGES FOR HORRIFIC ATTACK ON 13-YEAR-OLD IN KISSENA PARK

Child and Friend Were Allegedly Bound Together, Gagged and Held at Knifepoint During Daytime Assault; Defendant Faces up to 25 Years to Life in Prison if Convicted

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced today that Christian Inga has been indicted by a Queens County grand jury and is now charged with predatory sexual assault, rape in the first degree, criminal sexual act in the first degree and numerous other crimes for a June attack on a 13-year-old girl and her friend.

District Attorney Melinda Katz said: "This was a daytime nightmare for two children who were simply enjoying a day in the park after school. The defendant is accused of raping the girl after threatening the youngsters with a knife, forcing them into a wooded area, tying them together and gagging them. These children gave a detailed description of their alleged attacker and thanks to community members and the NYPD, Christian Inga was arrested after an intensive manhunt. The defendant is now charged with predatory sexual assault – one of the highest charges available in New York state – and will face justice in our courts."

Inga, 25, of Waldron Street, was arraigned before Queens Supreme Court Justice Ushir Pandit-Durant on a 16-count indictment charging him with three counts of predatory sexual assault, rape in the first degree, two counts of criminal sexual act in the first degree, two counts of criminal sexual act in the second degree, two counts of kidnapping in the second degree, two counts of robbery in the first degree, sexual abuse in the first degree, two counts of endangering the welfare of a child and criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree.

Inga has been remanded since his original court appearance. Justice Pandit-Durant continued remand and set Inga's return date for November 12. If convicted, the defendant faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

DA Katz said that, according to the indictment and investigation, at approximately 3:30 p.m. Inga approached two children, both 13, inside Kissena Park in Flushing on June 13, 2024. The defendant allegedly pulled out a machete-style knife and threatened the children, instructing them to go to a wooded area with him.

Once in the isolated area, the defendant allegedly bound the teens' wrists together and stuffed a cloth into the girl's mouth and another piece of cloth into the boy's mouth. The defendant then allegedly proceeded to rape and otherwise sexually assault the girl.

Before fleeing the park, Inga allegedly took both victims' cell phones.

The children gave a detailed description of the attacker to authorities and - after an intensive manhunt -Inga was spotted in Corona and subsequently arrested by members of the NYPD.

The investigation was conducted by Detective George Allen and other members of the Queens Special Victims Squad.

Assistant District Attorney Kasey Esposito of the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Eric C. Rosenbaum, Bureau Chief, Debra Lynn Pomodore and Brian Hughes, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Special Prosecutions Joyce Smith.

Criminal complaints and indictments are accusations. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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