

**News Release from
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**Ruben Garcia Sentenced to 19 Years in State Prison
For Rape in the First Degree Conviction**

Rochester, NY- Today, Monroe County Supreme Court Justice Francis A. Affronti sentenced 46 year old Ruben Garcia to 19 years Department of Corrections, plus 5 years post release supervision for a Rape that occurred on April 30, 2005. On that date, Ruben Garcia raped an 18 year old woman who was walking home, along North Clinton Avenue in the City of Rochester. There were no witnesses to the attack and the victim could not identify Garcia as he was a stranger to her. It wasn't until Garcia was arrested in 2011 on an unrelated Sexual Abuse charge that his DNA was sent to the FBI and added to the Combined DNA Index System database. 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.

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

“In this case, we credit the strength of the DNA evidence as well as the bravery of the victim who testified in court a full 10 years after she was brutally raped by Ruben Garcia.,” said Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Buckley. “This brave woman ensured that Ruben Garcia will no longer live in this community or pose a risk to other young innocent women.”

Ruben Garcia will begin serving his sentence immediately.

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