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**Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson Announces Sentencing  
for Convicted Rapist Gurmeet Singh**

*Taxi Driver Sentenced to 20 Years in Prison for Rape of Female Passenger*

**Brooklyn, NY.** Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson announced that convicted taxicab driver Gurmeet Singh, who was found guilty of raping a female passenger, has been sentenced to 20 years in prison. On May 2, 2014, a jury found Singh guilty of Rape in the First Degree and Kidnapping in the Second Degree as a Sexually Motivated Felony. Brooklyn Supreme Court Judge Miriam Cyrulnik presided over sentencing.

“The defendant had a duty to drive a [young] woman home, but instead he brutally raped her at knifepoint. Today’s sentence ensures that this defendant will no longer be a threat to society or a danger to other unsuspecting women, and I only hope that the victim can find comfort and closure at this time,” said District Attorney Ken Thompson.

As presented at trial, Singh picked up the victim in Williamsburg on May 6, 2011, to drive her to her home in lower Manhattan. The victim fell asleep in the back seat of the cab by the time Singh reached her address. He then drove her while she remained asleep to his personal vehicle in Williamsburg, and moved her to his car. When the victim awoke, the defendant was holding a knife to her throat, bound her arms and wrists with a scarf, stuffed her mouth with paper towels, and blindfolded her. He then raped her, and later left her outside his car. The victim managed to flag down a bystander who called 911. Through DNA evidence, as well as a result of an investigation with the Taxi & Limousine Commission (TLC), Singh was identified as the attacker.

Assistant District Attorneys Linda Weinman and Olatokunbo Olaniyan of the District Attorney’s Sex Crimes Bureau prosecuted the case under the supervision of Coleen Balbert, Chief of Sex Crimes.

**Defendant Information:**

Gurmeet Singh  
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