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**Ohio Man Sentenced To 37 Years-To-Life In Prison For Rape  
Of Prospect Heights Woman**

*Defendant Threatened To Kill Victim During The Attack*

Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson today announced that a Cincinnati, Ohio man has been sentenced to 37 years-to-life in prison for raping a Prospect Heights woman in May 2011.

District Attorney Thompson said, "This is a horrific case where a young woman's life was ruined at the hands of a rapist. This defendant will spend a huge portion of his life in prison due to his violent, deplorable and reprehensive acts."

District Attorney Thompson identified the defendant as Carlos Hairston, 39, of 3382 McHenry Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. The defendant was sentenced yesterday by Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Joel M. Goldberg to 37 years-to-life in prison. Hairston was convicted after a jury trial of first-degree rape, second-degree burglary as a sexually motivated felony, first-degree criminal sexual act and two counts of first-degree sexual abuse.

The District Attorney said that, according to the trial testimony, on May 14, 2011, at approximately 2:00 a.m., as she entered her apartment building, the defendant grabbed the 22-year-old victim from behind, placed his hand over her mouth, and dragged her to the laundry room in the basement. The defendant repeatedly threatened to kill the victim if she screamed, and told her, "I am the Devil, this is what I do."

According to trial testimony, the defendant then forced the victim to remove her clothes and perform a sex act. The defendant then raped her. He threatened to kill the woman if she called the police.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Trial Attorney Darren Albanese and Assistant District Attorney Elisabeth Prael of the District Attorney's Sex Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Coleen Balbert, Chief of the Sex Crimes Bureau.