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Serial Laundermat Groper Sentenced To Three Years In Prison

Defendant Convicted of Groping and Fondling Eight Women and Girls

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson today announced that a 29-year-old Long Island man has been sentenced to three years in prison following his conviction last month in connection with the sexual abuse and other charges for groping and fondling teenage girls and young women in laundermats located in the Brownsville and Canarsie sections of Brooklyn.

District Attorney Thompson said, “This defendant degraded and violated innocent women and young girls repeatedly with his lewd, vile and reprehensible conduct, which will affect his victims for years to come. Fortunately, he’s off the streets now and in prison, where he belongs.”

The District Attorney said that the defendant, Lowell Britt, 29, of East Third Avenue in Bay Shore, New York, was today sentenced by Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Vincent Del Giudice to a term of three years in prison and 15 years’ post-release supervision. The judge ordered his sentence to run concurrent to the three years sentence he received in Queens for a similar case. He was also ordered to register as a sex offender following his term of incarceration.

The District Attorney said that the defendant pleaded guilty last month to four counts of persistent sexual abuse, two counts of forcible touching, one count of second-degree sexual abuse, six counts of third-degree sexual abuse, three counts of endangering the welfare of a child, two counts of public lewdness, two counts of exposure of a person and six counts of second-degree harassment. He was also convicted last month of one count of third-degree sexual abuse following a bench trial before Justice Del Giudice.

The District Attorney said that, according to court records, the defendant approached eight victims in laundermats in Canarsie and Brownsville between July 19, 2010 and March 30, 2013, and either rubbed against them, exposed himself or acted in some other inappropriate sexual manner.

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Among the incidents were the following:

- On July 19, 2010, at a laundromat located in Brownsville, the defendant pushed a 19-year-old victim's head into a dryer and forcibly rubbed himself against her. The victim screamed and the defendant fled.
- On March 18, 2012, at a laundromat in Bushwick, the defendant approached two sisters, ages 13 and 15, who were doing their laundry and rubbed himself against them, then exposed himself, before fleeing.
- Also on March 18, 2012, at a laundromat located in Bushwick, the defendant exposed himself and masturbated in front of a 13-year-old girl before fleeing.

The defendant was arrested by New York City Police Department detectives assigned to the Brooklyn Special Victims Squad following an investigation.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Olatokunbo Olaniyan and Anna Krutaya of the District Attorney's Sex Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Coleen Balbert, Bureau Chief.

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