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25 Years to Life in State Prison for Violent Sexual Assault



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that YAQOOB CHAUHAN, 47, of Albany, was sentenced to 25 Years to Life in State Prison before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Court this morning, after he was found guilty at a jury trial for predatory sexual assault.

The Judge additionally sentenced CHAUHAN to concurrent sentences of 15 Years to Life for a second count of Predatory Sexual Assault, 20 Years to Life for Kidnapping in the First Degree, and 1 year in State Prison for (5) Counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

On February 8, 2013, CHAUHAN was found guilty after a jury trial of (2) Counts of Predatory Sexual Assault, both Class A-II Felonies, (1) Count of Kidnapping in the First Degree, a Class A-I Felony, and (5) Counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, all Class A Misdemeanors.

On May 2, 2012 in a residence on Elk Street in the City of Albany, CHAUHAN did restrain a woman who is known to him for a period of more than 12 hours and did subject her to physical injury and sexual abuse. These actions were committed in the presence of five children under 11 years of age.

“Yaqoob Chauhan will spend the rest of his life in a New York State Prison for his heinous crimes. And while I applaud the police, prosecutor, judge and jury in this case, we could not have arrived at this place without the testimony of this courageous survivor and the heroism of a young neighborhood boy who alerted police. The strength and grace displayed by this survivor is the reason we honor victims during National Crime Victim’s Rights Week. Let Mr. Chauhan’s fate serve as an example to others that crimes of this nature perpetrated on anyone in Albany will be dealt with swiftly and harshly,” commented District Attorney Soares.

Special Victims Unit Bureau Chief Shannon Sarfoh prosecuted this case.

For more information, please contact Cecilia Logue.



For assistance for victims of crime please contact:

Albany County Crime Victims and Sexual Violence Center 447-7100

Equinox Domestic Violence Services 24 Hour Hotline 432-7865

24 Hour Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

Albany County District Attorney’s Office Crime Victims Unit 694-8445

Child Help Hotline 800-4-A-CHILD

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