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Riverside Man Sentenced for Brutal Rape of Elderly Woman

State v. Jean Paul Mpanurwa, 2013-CR-2542

DAYTON, OH (11/16/2016) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 29-year-old **Jean Paul Mpanurwa**, of Riverside, has been sentenced to 13 years in prison for the kidnapping, felonious assault, and rape of an elderly woman on July 14, 2013.

On the evening of Sunday, July 14, 2013, the victim, aged 90 at the time, was walking along the Radio Road bike path when the defendant grabbed her. The defendant knocked the victim to the ground, dragged her to a nearby grassy area, and raped her. During the incident, the victim suffered a broken arm.

The defendant, who is from the Republic of Congo and not a U.S. citizen, was linked to the crime through DNA, which was in the CODIS database due to prior sexual assault allegations. The defendant was on active probation in Georgia, for a misdemeanor conviction of Attempted Sexual Battery, at the time he committed these offenses.

After a one-day bench trial before the court last week, the defendant was found guilty as charged of one count of Rape by force, one count of Felonious Assault causing serious harm, and one count of Kidnapping.

Today, the court sentenced the defendant to 11 years in prison for the rape conviction and two years for the felonious assault, for a total of 13 years in the penitentiary.

Prosecutor Heck added, “This defendant brutally attacked and raped a 90 year old victim. He deserves to spend every minute of his sentence in prison. I want to commend the victim for having the courage to come forward and not only report the crimes, but also to come into court and confront her attacker.”

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