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Ohio man gets 10 to 13 years in prison for Quincy assault

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A 32 year-old mover from Ohio was sentenced (Oct. 1, 2013) to at least a decade in state prison for dragging a woman off a Quincy street and into nearby woods and attempting to rape her two years ago, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Assistant District Attorney Anne Yas asked Superior Court Judge Raymond Veary to sentence Robert Koontz to 18 to 20 years in state prison for the brutal attack. Judge Veary imposed a 10 to 13 year sentence, followed by 5 years of probation.

Koontz pled guilty to all of the indictments against him: kidnapping, assault to rape, 2 counts of indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or over and one count of assault and battery. Judge Veary imposed probation terms including: Stay away from the victim, undergo sex offender treatment as approved by probation, submit to GPS monitoring with exclusionary zone of Quincy, continue psychiatric and medical regimen as determined by probation upon release, abstain from drugs and alcohol, register as a sex offender, provide a DNA sample and have any employment approved by probation.

Just after midnight on Sunday, August 27, 2011 the victim exited the Quincy Center subway station on her way home from her shift at a large Boston firm. As she walked away from the station, she noticed a large moving truck operated by a white male on President's Lane. The victim continued walking and crossed Whitwell Street. As she passed 125 Granite Street, she sensed a person behind her and turned to see an unknown man walking behind her. The victim began to walk faster because she was nervous, but felt relief when she turned right onto Parker Street and the man continued on Granite Street.

As the victim began to walk up the steep hill on Parker Street, she heard someone running toward her from the rear and then a man grabbed her from behind in a bear hug. The victim began to struggle with the man in an attempt to escape, but the man punched her repeatedly in the head and face. He pushed her to the ground while the victim was screaming for help. She bit the man on the shoulder. The man told her that if she did not stop screaming that he would "(expletive) kill" her.

As the man pulled her across the street and towards the wooded side of Parker Street, the victim fell. The man then dragged her across the street by her shirt and neck approximately 20-25 yards from where she was initially attacked. The victim was screaming and bleeding as she was forced into the woods.

"Because of those screams, Quincy Police received numerous emergency calls and the department literally swarmed the area with cruisers, lights and sirens," District Attorney Morrissey said. "The fast, professional response of the Quincy patrol division interrupted this crime and prevented the attack from being even worse. They deserve real credit here."

Koontz fled into the woods, and Quincy Police used a K9 to track him even as he shed his shoes and articles of clothing and left them in the woods, Morrissey said. Koontz had come to Quincy on a short-term moving job and would have left the state right after the assault had he not been apprehended. At the time of his arrest, he worked for a moving company in Cleveland, Ohio.

"The victim gave a very powerful impact statement in court today," District Attorney Morrissey said. "The force of her response on the night of the attack, screaming, biting and fighting her attacker, triggered the police response that ended the assault. That is not always possible. The force of her resolve working with us during the two years that the case has been prosecuted helped us secure this long sentence."