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FORMER MANHATTAN BAR BOUNCER CHARGED
IN ABDUCTION OF YORK COLLEGE STUDENT

Faces Up To 25 Years In Prison

District Attorney Richard A. Brown, joined by Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly, announced today that former Manhattan bar bouncer Darryl Littlejohn has been charged with the abduction of a 19-year old York College student six months ago in South Jamaica, Queens.

According to the District Attorney, Littlejohn, 41, of 153-26 121st Avenue in Jamaica, has been charged in a four-count indictment filed in Supreme Court, Queens County, with Kidnapping in the Second Degree, Robbery in the Second Degree, Assault in the Second Degree and Criminal Impersonation in the First Degree. If convicted, he faces up to 25 years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant is accused of posing as a law enforcement officer and forcibly abducting a young college student from the streets of Queens County on a late autumn afternoon. Fortunately, the victim - who displayed tremendous courage under pressure - managed to escape from her captor, although in the process she suffered physical injuries and has been deeply traumatized by the ordeal."

Police Commissioner Kelly said, "The case was turned over to the Police Department's Internal Affairs Bureau because law enforcement impersonation issues were involved. I want to commend out Internal Affairs detectives and the prosecutors for their work in this important case."

According to the charges, at about 4 p.m. on October 19, 2005 the then 19-year old victim was returning home from classes at York College. As she reached the vicinity of 107th Avenue and the Van Wyck Expressway in Jamaica, it is alleged that she was accosted by Mr. Littlejohn, who was wearing clothing purporting to identify himself as a law enforcement officer. He allegedly demanded her identification, which she provided to him, and then turned her around, rear cuffed her and threw her into the back seat of his van.

He then, according to the charges, got into the van and attempted to drive away. The victim at that point got up and tried to open the rear passenger side door at which time Mr. Littlejohn allegedly struck her twice, told her not to move and threw a jacket over her head. The victim, still handcuffed, then pushed herself against the door, opened it and jumped out of the moving van.

She was assisted by some neighborhood children and a couple of good samaritans - who immediately called the police - and was removed to Mary Immaculate Hospital where she was treated for injuries suffered during the incident. It is alleged that during the course of the abduction, the defendant stole the victim's cell phone.

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Mr. Littlejohn, who was formerly employed as a bouncer at The Falls, a Soho bar located at 218 Lafayette Street in Manhattan, was arraigned today before Acting Queens Supreme Court Justice James P. Griffin who ordered the defendant held without bail.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Michael Williams of the New York City Police Department's Internal Affairs Bureau, Police Impersonation Unit, under the supervision of Lieutenant John Zerillo and Sergeant Philip Panzarella and the overall supervision of Inspector James Duffy and Chief of Internal Affairs Charles V. Campisi.

Other participants in the investigation were the Major Case Squad of the NYPD - Deputy Inspector Michael Hines, Commanding Officer, Sergeant Francis Murnane and Detectives Michael Dorto and Edna Lugo - and Sergeant Kevin Meinson and Detective Maria Quinones of the 75th Precinct Detective Squad.

Assistant District Attorney Frank P. DeGaetano, a supervisor in the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Marjory D. Fisher, Bureau Chief, and Kenneth M. Appelbaun and Lucinda C. Suarez, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Charles A. Testagrossa and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

The District Attorney expressed his appreciation to Dr. Charles S. Hirsch and the staff of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for their assistance in the investigation.

It should be noted that an indictment is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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