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EAST ELMHURST MAN CHARGED WITH SEXUAL ABUSE;
ALLEGEDLY GROPED TWO YOUNG GIRLS IN QUEENS
Faces Up to Seven Years In Prison If Convicted

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a 38-year-old East Elmhurst man has been charged with sexual abuse and endangering the welfare of a child in regards to two different incidents earlier this month. The defendant is alleged to have inappropriately grabbed a 10-year-old girl and a 13-year-old girl while they were walking on the streets in Queens.

District Attorney Brown said, “The defendant in this case terrorized these innocent girls by following them first and then allegedly sexually assaulting them. Let this be a constant warning to parents and all women - even pre-teens - to be mindful of their surroundings at all times. The defendant faces prison time if found guilty.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Noe Angel Sorriano Cruz, 38, of 102nd Street in the East Elmhurst section of Queens. Sorriano Cruz is presently awaiting arraignment in Queens Criminal Court on a complaint charging him with first-degree sexual abuse, forcible touching, second-degree sexual abuse and two-counts of endangering the welfare of a child. If convicted, the defendant faces up to seven years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the criminal charges, on Wednesday, October 3, 2018, between 3:30 p.m. and 3:40 p.m., inside 39-16 104th St., the defendant allegedly followed the 10-year-old girl inside a bodega, approached her and grabbed her vagina and fled.

Furthermore, on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at approximately 8:30 a.m., according to the charges, the defendant followed the 13-year-old victim for several blocks as she walked down Junction Blvd. and then grabbed her vagina from behind and fled the area.

The investigation was conducted by detectives of the New York City Police Department’s Queens Special Victims Squad.

Assistant District Attorney Margaret Iocco is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Kenneth M. Appelbaum, Bureau Chief, of District Attorney Brown’s Special Victims Bureau and Assistant District Attorneys Eric Rosenbaum and Debra Lynn Pomodore, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Brad A. Leventhal.

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

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