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D.A. McMahon: Teens Sentenced to Prison for Role in Staten Island Robbery Spree

Defendants targeted victims in and around Clove Lakes Park

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that **Franchesca Rivera**, 16, was sentenced as an adult to four years in prison after previously pleading guilty to Attempted Robbery in the First Degree for her role in a robbery spree focused in and around Clove Lakes Park. A co-defendant, **Samuel Russell**, 18, was previously sentenced to four years prison after pleading guilty to Attempted Robbery in the First Degree. Additionally, a 14-year-old male who was charged as a juvenile offender also previously pleaded guilty to Robbery in the First Degree for his role in the offense.

In addition to the prison term, **Rivera** was also sentenced to five years post release supervision by Justice Stephen J. Rooney in Richmond County State Supreme Court, St. George.

“These defendants callously robbed innocent people in and around Clove Lakes Park, and now they will be held accountable for their crimes,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “Today’s sentencing should serve as a warning to anyone who thinks they can jeopardize the safety and well-being of others and get away with it. We will work tirelessly to keep our parks and communities safe for all to enjoy and continue our intense efforts in these robbery cases as I promised. I would like to thank the NYPD Robbery Squad for investigating this pattern and apprehending these individuals and also extend my praise to ADA Kate Malloy for bringing about a successful prosecution.”

On July 27, at about 5:35 p.m., by 34 Barrett Avenue, RIVERA stole property from an individual; on July 31, 2016, at about 4:20 p.m., at Clove Road and Forest Avenue, **Rivera**, **Russell**, and the **Juvenile Offender**, forcibly stole property at knifepoint from one individual and attempted to rob an additional victim; on July 31, 2016, at about 4:25 p.m., at Clove Lakes Park, **Rivera** and **Russell** forcibly stole property at knifepoint from a third individual; on August 1, 2016, at about 10:40 p.m., by Post Avenue and Greenleaf Avenue, **Rivera** forcibly stole property at knifepoint from a fourth individual; on August 1, 2016, at about 11 p.m., by 86 Elizabeth Street, **Russell** forcibly stole property at knifepoint from a fifth individual, and on August 2, 2016 at about 12:45 p.m., by South Railroad Avenue and Guyon Avenue, **Rivera** attempted to forcibly steal property from a sixth individual.

The case was prosecuted by ADA Kate Malloy

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