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D.A. McMahon: Staten Island Man Found Guilty of Sexually Abusing Child

Daniel Nieto walked into the young victim's bedroom during the early morning hours and abused her

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that **Daniel Nieto** has been found guilty of Criminal Sexual Act in the First Degree, a B violent felony, and Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, a D violent felony, for abusing a 7-year-old girl after entering her bedroom during the early morning hours.

Nieto, 34, was convicted today following a two-week jury trial in Richmond County State Supreme Court, St. George, before Judge William E. Garnett. He faces a maximum of 25 years in prison on the count of Criminal Sexual Act in the First Degree and a maximum of 7 years on the count of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree when he is sentenced on July 11, 2017.

“This defendant took advantage of the young victim and her vulnerability, committing truly disturbing and abhorrent crimes for which he will now be punished,” said **District Attorney Michael E. McMahon**. “I commend ADAs Victoria Levin and Tuesday Muller-Mondi, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, for successfully prosecuting this difficult case and securing a guilty verdict. My prosecutors are dedicated to fighting on behalf of our most innocent victims.”

According to the trial record, on or about August 6, 2015, at around 2:30 a.m., defendant **Nieto** walked into the victim's home located in the Port Richmond neighborhood of Staten Island, entering through a rear door. He went into the victim's bedroom and sexually abused her. The defendant fled after the victim screamed, leaving behind his jacket and shirt on the victim's bed. Police discovered the defendant wearing no clothing inside an abandoned house next door a short time after and placed him in custody.

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The case was prosecuted by ADAs Victoria Levin and Tuesday Muller-Mondi, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

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Defendant Information:

Daniel Nieto

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