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Mario Alverado Mateo Convicted in Cold Case Rape

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Jury found 36 year old Mario Alverado Mateo guilty of Rape in the First Degree and Sodomy in the First Degree for an attack that occurred on April 28, 2000. On that date, a woman in the City of Rochester was awakened by a stranger who had entered her home during the evening hours. The man, whose face was covered, raped and sodomized the woman. There were no leads, and the case went cold until Mateo was eventually linked to the crime by advances in DNA technology.

The case was prosecuted by Elizabeth Buckley, Chief of the Sex Crimes Bureau.

"This is a great example of perseverance on the part of the Rochester Police Department, the Monroe County Crime Lab, and the Investigators from the District Attorney's Office, who were able to obtain justice for a woman fifteen years after she was brutally attacked," said Buckley. "We're pleased that the jury took the time to fully consider all of the scientific evidence that linked Mateo to this horrific crime."

Mateo, who faces up to 25 years in State prison, will be sentenced before Supreme Court Justice Francis Affronti on February 3, 2015.

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