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[Guilty]: Motiur Rahman

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Man convicted of rape after attacking young woman in east London park

A man has been convicted of rape after attacking a young woman as she walked through an east London park.

Motuir Rahman, 25 (04.11.92), of no fixed abode, pleaded guilty at Snaresbrook Crown Court on Monday, 2 July to one count of rape, two counts of attempted rape, four counts of assault by penetration and one count of theft.

He will be sentenced on Friday, 27 July.

The court heard that on Wednesday, 7 February at around 09:15hrs, the victim, a 19-year-old female, was walking through Roding Valley Park in Rebridge.

She was approached by an unknown male who said that he had drugs on him and knew that police were nearby. He demanded the victim walk with him so as not to arouse any suspicion and, if asked, that she pretend to be his sister.

The victim refused but the male grabbed her neck and forced her to walk with him.

The terrified victim was then dragged into a bush, where she was seriously sexually assaulted. He also stole her mobile phone to prevent her from calling the police before fleeing the scene.

The victim waited a few minutes before fleeing herself; however she was spotted by the male, who had remained in the park, and was forced back to the same area where she was again seriously sexually assaulted before he fled.

The victim was then able to escape and alert members of the public, who called police.

Officers from East Area Safeguarding Team launched an immediate investigation and identified Motiur Rahman after forensic examinations linked him to the crime.

He was arrested on 12 February 2018 in Stratford and charged on 13 February.

The officer in charge of the investigation, Detective Sergeant Vince Fedder, said: "This was an abhorrent attack on a woman who was out in broad daylight. She had every right to pass through the area without something so awful happening to her. Her bravery throughout this ordeal has been commendable; I would like to thank her for supporting the investigation which has secured this conviction.

"Rahman's actions that day are remarkable in their cowardice; I hope he will receive a substantial sentence to allow him plenty of time to think about what he has done."

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