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## **Man Indicted for Attempted Sexual Assault in Wooded Area Near I-295 Ramp in Mt. Laurel**

Burlington County Prosecutor Scott Coffina announced that a 53-year-old Philadelphia man has been indicted for grabbing a woman who was walking along a Mount Laurel roadway last spring and attempting to sexually assault her after dragging her into a nearby wooded area.

Donald Cramer Jr. was indicted on two counts of Attempted Aggravated Sexual Assault (First Degree), two counts of Kidnapping (First Degree), Robbery (First Degree), Attempted Sexual Assault (Second Degree), Aggravated Assault (Third Degree), Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose (Third Degree), Terroristic Threats (Third Degree), Resisting Arrest (Third Degree), and Prohibited Weapons and Devices (Fourth Degree).

The indictment was returned September 5 and signed by Prosecutor Coffina. An arraignment has been scheduled for September 30 in Superior Court. Cramer is being detained in the Burlington County Jail in Mount Holly.

The investigation revealed that on the afternoon of June 6, the victim was walking along Route 73 in Mount Laurel when she was grabbed by Cramer and dragged into the wooded area to the side of the I-295 northbound exit ramp.

At the same time, John Bishop, a Burlington County resident, was driving by and witnessed the abduction. He immediately stopped his vehicle on the shoulder and went to assist the victim. He removed Cramer from the victim and was able to subdue him until Mount Laurel Township police officers arrived and took him into custody. The victim was treated and released from an area hospital.

"Mr. Bishop took immediate action without regard for his own safety to prevent further abuse to the victim," Prosecutor Coffina said. "His selfless actions were the epitome of bravery and concern, and we greatly appreciate him coming to her rescue."

Cramer is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecutor LaChia Bradshaw. The investigation was conducted by the New Jersey State Police, with assistance from the Mount Laurel Police Department.

*An indictment is merely an accusation. Defendants are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty.*

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