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### **Prison Sentence for 2007 Sexual Assault**

Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis announced that Mustafa Dikbas, (dob: 7/23/81, 2458 W. Grace St) of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced to 7 additional years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by the Honorable Robert Pilmer for Criminal Sexual Assault from 2007. Dikbas was sentenced last week in Kendall County.

Charges were filed against Dikbas for an assault that took place in July of 2007. The then 37-year-old victim went out with a friend in the River North area of Chicago. During the evening, the victim became highly intoxicated and decided to find a taxi to drive her back to her home in Oswego. She got into the front passenger seat of the taxi and, using a map, helped the taxi driver figure out how to get to Oswego. While still in the front passenger seat, the victim asked the taxi driver to pull over several times so that she could vomit. The next thing she remembers is waking up face down in the back seat of the taxi and the taxi driver performing anal sex on her. When she looked outside she had no idea where she was. The taxi driver then demanded a sum of money to take her home or he would leave her at that location. The victim paid the money and the taxi driver took her home. The victim reported this incident to the Oswego Police Department later that day. The victim was taken to a hospital where a rape kit was taken which included swabs from her back and the dress she was wearing at the time of the incident. A male DNA profile was generated from semen detected on the dress. At the time, no DNA match was identified and the victim was unable to identify the offender.

The case went unsolved for almost 11 years until 2018 when Dikbas was charged in a similar incident in Chicago, Illinois. As a result of those charges, a DNA sample was obtained from Dikbas. A comparison was made between his DNA and the male DNA profile found on the victim's dress. The Illinois State Police Crime Lab determined that Dikbas could not be excluded from the DNA profile from the dress and the statistical frequency of any person having that DNA profile was 1 in 130 quadrillion. Based upon this finding, Dikbas was charged with criminal sexual assault. Dikbas entered a plea of guilty and received the 7 year agreed sentence. The sentence in Kendall County is to be served consecutive to a 10-year sentence he received in Cook County for the 2018 Chicago case. He will have to serve at least 85% of his sentence before being eligible for Mandatory Supervised Release. In addition, Dikbas will have to register as a sex offender for life.

Weis praised the work of the Oswego Police Department for continuing to pursue justice for this victim after so many years. Weis also commended First Assistant Mark Shlifka and Assistant State's Attorney Andrea Boyle for their efforts in prosecuting the case.

Weis stated, "This defendant preyed on women when they were highly intoxicated and most vulnerable. Fortunately, this victim did the right thing and promptly reported this crime to authorities to assure that justice was done. Her persistence to see that justice was done after so many years is a tribute to her courage."

Dikbas was represented by attorneys Nejla Lane and Jason Craddock.