

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS – PLYMOUTH DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY



TIMOTHY J. CRUZ  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

MAIN OFFICE:  
32 Belmont Street  
Brockton, MA 02301  
Tel: (508) 584-8120  
Fax: (508) 586-3578

NEWS RELEASE  
MARCH 30, 2016

CONTACT: BETH STONE  
(508) 584-8120

**BROCKTON MAN SENT TO STATE PRISON FOR 12-13 YEARS FOR RAPING,  
SEXUALLY ASSAULTING YOUNG FAMILY MEMBER**

**BROCKTON** – A Brockton man was sent to State Prison for 12-13 years after he pleaded guilty to charges he raped and sexually assaulted a young, female family member, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

Elbert Richardson (DOB: 03/02/60) of Brockton, pleaded guilty late yesterday to four counts of Aggravated Rape of a Child, one count of Rape of a Child and two counts of Indecent Assault and Battery on a Child under 14. Brockton Superior Court Judge Cornelius J. Moriarty sentenced Richardson to serve 12-13 years in State Prison, committed, to be followed by five years of Probation. The Commonwealth had recommended Richardson serve 15-17 years in State Prison.

“The facts of this case were particularly disturbing,” DA Cruz said. “Mr. Richardson pleading guilty has spared this young child from being further victimized at trial. My hope is that this entire family can finally now begin the healing process.”

On November 28, 2014, Brockton Police conducted a rape investigation where a 12-year-old girl had become pregnant. Further investigation revealed that on a number of occasions over approximate two years, Richardson raped and sexually assaulted a juvenile female family member. Late yesterday, Richardson pleaded guilty to those charges.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Jeremy Beth Kusmin and Shanan Buckingham and was investigated by Brockton Police.

###