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KINGSTON MAN COMMITTED AFTER BEING FOUND SEXUALLY DANGEROUS AT TRIAL

BROCKTON – A Kingston man who sexually assaulted a young, female family member over a number of years has been committed to a treatment facility after he was deemed a Sexually Dangerous Person at trial, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

After a three-day trial, which concluded yesterday before Brockton Superior Court Judge Rosemary Connolly, a jury found Paul St. Martin (DOB: 02/19/65) to be a Sexually Dangerous Person. As a result, St. Martin was committed to the Massachusetts Treatment Center for an indeterminate period of a minimum of one day and a maximum of St. Martin's natural life.

In 2006, St. Martin pled guilty to sexually assaulting a young, female family member on many occasions over a period of time between 1997 and 2004. As a result of his guilty plea, St. Martin received a nine-to-twelve year State Prison sentence, to be followed by five years of probation to begin after his incarceration.

Prior to his release from his sentence, the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office filed a petition to have St. Martin committed as a Sexually Dangerous Person. The matter proceeded to jury trial. Three experts testified for the Commonwealth at trial, and agreed that St. Martin was a Sexually Dangerous Person. As a result, the jury found unanimously that St. Martin is a Sexually Dangerous Person.

In addition to the governing sexual assault, St. Martin has prior convictions for multiple counts of Indecent Exposure, Open and Gross Lewdness, Lewd and Lascivious Behavior, and Accosting and Annoying a Person of the Opposite Sex dating back to 1981.

Assistant District Attorney Shanan Buckingham prosecuted the case.