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Rape suspect pleads guilty

A 23 year old East Moriches man charged with raping a female house-sitter in a Stony Brook home in 2012 pleaded guilty today at a court conference in Riverhead, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

Patrick O'Sullivan will be sentenced to 25 years in prison.

O'Sullivan wore a mask and carried a loaded rifle when he entered the house through an unlocked door on the night of November 20, 2012.

O'Sullivan fired his weapon twice and sexually assaulted her after restraining the victim with duct tape.

The defendant pleaded guilty to rape, criminal sexual act, burglary, sexual abuse and conspiracy.

The latter charge stemmed from O'Sullivan's attempt while incarcerated in the county jail to hire a hit man to kill the victim and another person he believed would testify against him. The plot failed when the man O'Sullivan tried to hire to murder the pair notified police. For the conspiracy crimes, the defendant will be sentenced to a concurrent prison term of up to 25 years.

O'Sullivan waived his right to appeal and a permanent order of protection will be issued on behalf of the victim.



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