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Court grants DA application for order of protection for rape victim

Suffolk County Court Judge Barbara Kahn today granted an application filed by the Suffolk County District Attorney's office for a temporary order of protection to protect a rape victim from being contacted by her alleged assailant - or any person he sends to contact her.

"This court order will provide a level of protection for the victim of this crime, now at home in her native Ireland, who feels that has been harassed and intimidated by visitors in the employ of the defendant, Jason Lee," Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

"We are pleased the court included in the order of protection a specific provision not only barring the defendant from any contact with our victim and, importantly, to refrain from communication with her through third parties."

Lee was arrested by East Hampton Town Police in August of last year after he allegedly raped the young woman in his East Hampton rental house. The victim told police she was assaulted in a downstairs bathroom. Police, who were called to the house on an unrelated matter and then were informed of the rape, found Lee hiding in the backseat of his car.

A Suffolk County Grand Jury indicted Lee, a 37 year old Wall Street banker, charging him with rape in the first degree, sexual misconduct and assault in the third degree.

"This victim has told us she felt intimidated by the emissary sent to speak to her by the defendant, and that she feels she is being watched, increasing her fear and causing her great distress," DA Spota said.

"She is the victim of a brutal crime and we believe this court-authorized protection will bar further harassment as we move forward toward trial," DA Spota said.

The DA's office request that Lee surrender his passport was granted by the court at the defendant's arraignment last September.



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Defendants are entitled to a fair trial with the burden on the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.