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Conviction for Fire Island sex assault

Derick D. Roberts, 39, of Shirley was convicted today in Suffolk County court of sexually assaulting a coworker of the Fire Island restaurant they worked at in 2012.

After three days of deliberations, the jury convicted Roberts of criminal sexual act in the second degree, a class "B" violent felony. District Attorney Thomas Spota said prosecutors will recommend Roberts be incarcerated for 25 years in an upstate correctional facility.

The defendant attacked the victim as she slept in her room across the street from the restaurant they worked at on Harbor Walk in Fire Island Pines on the evening of June 17, 2012.

The jury acquitted Roberts on one charge of rape in the first degree.

He will be sentenced December 13.

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