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## **Jury convicts Coram man of attempted murder and rape**

A 59 year old Coram man who is a prior felony offender with a history of domestic violence convictions faces up to twenty five years in prison when he is sentenced after a jury in Riverhead convicted him today of Attempted Murder in the Second degree, Assault in the First degree and Rape in the Third degree of a Suffolk woman, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

The victim testified that defendant, Gary Smith, of 97 Seymour Lane, Coram, pulled a knife on her, threatened to kill her if she resisted and then raped her. As the victim attempted to leave the scene the defendant stabbed her multiple times. One of the stab wounds lacerated the victim's lung.

District Attorney Spota said prosecutors will seek the maximum penalty of 25 years for the defendant for this terrible crime.

The jury began deliberations on Thursday afternoon (10-27) and reached a verdict today (10-28).

Suffolk County Court Judge Timothy Mazzei will sentence Smith on December 22.



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