



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **DEFENDANT ADMITS GUILT IN PASSAIC BAR SEXUAL ASSAULT**

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces the guilty plea of Miguel A. Delacruz, 39, of Clifton, New Jersey.

On June 30, 2017, Mr. Delacruz pleaded guilty before the Honorable Marybel Mercado-Ramirez, J.S.C. He pled guilty to one count of first-degree Aggravated Sexual Assault in violation of N.J.S. 2C:14-2a(5). The offense took place in November of 2012 in a bar in Passaic. Mr. Delacruz admitted to committing an act of sexual penetration upon the victim, who was an employee in the bar, while being aided or abetted by one or more other persons and using physical force or coercion during the assault.

Mr. Delacruz's plea agreement calls for him to serve 12 years in New Jersey State Prison with eighty-five percent to be served before parole eligibility. He will also have to undergo an Avenel Evaluation. Upon release, he will be placed on Parole Supervision for Life and must register under Megan's Law as a sex offender.

The State was represented by Chief Assistant Lisa Squitieri and Assistant Prosecutor Kelly M. Walsh. Mr. Delacruz was represented by Nelson Gonzalez, Esq.

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