

**Bristol County District Attorney's Office
C. Samuel Sutter
District Attorney**

**Press Release
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District Attorney Sam Sutter announced today that William Senay, 53, of Fall River was convicted by a jury of his peers in Taunton Superior Court on charges of indecent assault & battery of a mentally retarded person and rape.

Senay was accused of raping a mentally retarded man on multiple occasions between May of 2006 and October of 2006. The Commonwealth recommended Senay be sentenced to serve 10 to 15 years in state prison. Judge Barbara Dortch-Okara, however, sentenced Senay to 6 to 10 years in state prison.

Furthermore, Senay will be placed on probation for 10 years upon his release. The conditions of his probation stipulate that he must stay away from the victim and the victim's family, he cannot work or volunteer with disabled individuals, he must register as a sex offender, and he must attend counseling for sex crime perpetrators. Additionally, he will be required to wear a GPS monitoring bracelet for the duration of his probation.

Second Assistant District Attorney Silvia Rudman prosecuted the case for the District Attorney Sutter's office. The trial lasted three days and the jury deliberated for approximately four hours.

Second Assistant District Attorney Rudman also prosecuted Senay's co-defendant, Buddy Smith in January. In that case, Smith, 23, of Fall River, was convicted of raping the same mentally retarded man on multiple occasions between January of 2004 and October of 2006. Smith was sentenced on January 16, 2009 to serve 7 to 10 years in state prison, to be followed by 10 years of probation with many of the same conditions that Senay received.

District Attorney Sutter said, "As I stated after the earlier conviction of co-defendant Buddy Smith, I am very gratified for the victim and his family that they received justice for this horrendous, unconscionable crime. Their tenacity and perseverance were indispensable to the success of this prosecution. Just as before, equally indispensable was

the trial advocacy of Second Assistant District Attorney Silvia Rudman. Once again, she demonstrated her extraordinary talent in proving a complex case.”

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