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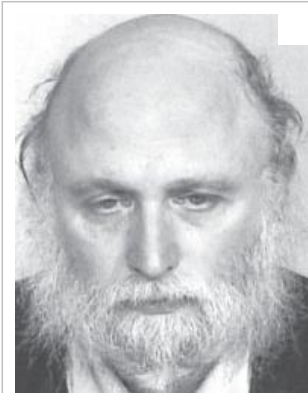
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Kew Gardens Hills Baker Sexually Abused Boy, 10

Befriended Child Who Stopped In For Cookies



Isaac Ebstein

The owner of Queens Kosher Pita in Kew Gardens Hills has pleaded guilty to sex abuse charges involving a 10-year-old boy who used to go to the bakery for cookies and whom he had befriended, it was announced.

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown identified the defendant as Issac Ebstein, 50, of Bedford Avenue, Williamsburg. The owner and baker of Queens Kosher Pita, located at 68- 36 Main St. in Kew Gardens Hills, he appeared before Queens Supreme Court Justice Sheri S. Roman on June 8 and pleaded guilty to first-degree attempted sexual abuse and attempted endangering the welfare of a child. Sentencing is scheduled for June 16, at which time Justice Roman indicated that she would sentence the Ebstein to one year' probation and weekly sex offender counseling for a year.D

istrict Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has pleaded guilty to having taken advantage of the innocence of his young victim. As a result, the child has been severely traumatized and emotionally scarred for life. Fortunately, the defendant's guilty plea will save the youngster from having to testify and recount the situation that

he endured."

In pleading guilty, the defendant reportedly acknowledged that he took advantage of the young boy, and that while driving around Queens with the boy, he touched the boy's penis and had the boy touch his. The abuse took place on three occasions over a two month period between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2002.

The investigation was conducted by the New York City Police Department's Queens Special Victims Squad located at the Queens Child Advocacy Center. Assistant District Attorney Marjory D. Fisher, Bureau Chief of the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau, prosecuted the case under the overall supervision of ExecutiveAssistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Charles A. Testagrossa and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.



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