

Jury convicts man accused of sexually assaulting Atlantic City casino housekeeper, prosecutors say

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A man accused of [sexually assaulting a housekeeper](#) at Bally's Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City in 2018 was convicted Thursday, authorities said.

A jury found Jamel Carlton, 36, of Saugerties, New York, guilty of aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault, burglary, aggravated assault and criminal restraint, according to a statement from the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office.

Carlton was arrested twice on Feb. 15, 2018 in separate incidents at the hotel, authorities said.

His first encounter with police came when officers responded to a domestic dispute in the casino's parking garage early that morning and found that Carlton had assaulted his girlfriend, an unidentified Freehold woman, officials said. He was charged with simple assault for that incident

Six hours later, a then 51-year-old woman, who worked as a housekeeper at the hotel, told officers she was pushed into a hotel room by a man who physically and sexually assaulted her, authorities said. Investigating officers identified the alleged attacker as Carlton, found him walking along Atlantic Avenue just a few hours later and arrested and charged him, authorities said.

A jury returned with a guilty verdict after they deliberated for a little more than three hours, the office said.

"We are grateful to the jury for seeing this case for what it was... the senseless and brutal sexual assault of a Bally's housekeeper who was just doing her job," Atlantic City Prosecutor's Office Chief Assistant Prosecutor John Flammer said in a statement. "The victim through the support of her loving family displayed an enormous amount of strength in coming to tell the jury what that man did to her."

Due to his criminal history Carlton faces the potential for an extended term of imprisonment up

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to life in state prison, the office said. He was being held in the Atlantic County Justice Facility pending sentencing, scheduled for June 8.

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