

# Newham rapist has his sentence increased

News story

Ian Vacciana has had his sentence increased following an intervention by the Solicitor General, Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP.



A man who repeatedly raped and assaulted a woman has had his sentence increased following intervention by the Solicitor General, Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP.

Ian Vacciana, 58, raped and assaulted a woman on a number of occasions between 2018 and 2019. The first incident occurred in 2018 when Vacciana attempted to rape her. In the following months Vacciana violently assaulted her several times, with the victim requiring hospital treatment as a result of his attacks.

After a series of violent assaults, Vacciana raped the woman on multiple occasions. She managed to call the police after a particularly violent attack and Vacciana was arrested.

Vacciana was sentenced to 13 years and 6 months' imprisonment with an extended licence period of 4 years on 16 March 2020 at Snaresbrook Crown Court.

Following a referral to the Court of Appeal by the Solicitor General, on 10 December the sentence was found to be unduly lenient and has been increased to 18 years' imprisonment with an extended licence period of 4 years.

After the hearing at the Court of Appeal the Solicitor General, Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP, said:

Vacciana is a dangerous individual who has shown no remorse for his sickening behaviour. I hope the Court of Appeal's decision today brings some closure to the brave victim.

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