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Pack howls - judge won't bend

Lesbians rip sentences in '06 attack

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A packed courtroom erupted in sobs and screams yesterday when a judge threw the book at the wolf pack of lesbians who stabbed an amateur filmmaker in Greenwich Village last summer.

Anguished friends and relatives wept as Manhattan Supreme Court Judge Edward McLaughlin slapped knife-wielding teen Patreese Johnson with a 12-year sentence.

"You've got to take responsibility," McLaughlin sternly told Johnson, 19, of Newark, who is just 4-foot-11. "You brought a knife into the city, and you used it. You swung that thing two, three, four times."

Three other women received sentences ranging from 3-1/2 to 8 years for their roles in the attack on Dwayne Buckle, who insulted the women after they rebuffed his pickup line. Another three had previously pleaded guilty to lesser charges.

Renata Hill, 25, collapsed on the courtroom floor when she got eight years.

Venice Brown, 19, was hauled out of the courtroom wailing "I'm a good girl," after McLaughlin gave her five years for punching and kicking Buckle.

Terrain Dandridge, 20, who tore at her hair when Johnson was sentenced, got just 3-1/2 years, and McLaughlin praised her for admitting the attack was wrong.

"Of all people, she took some responsibility, which is what nobody else did," McLaughlin said.

A group of seven young women from Newark were walking by Buckle, who hawks DVDs on Sixth Ave., when he tried to accost them last Aug. 18.

The women told him they weren't interested in men, but he continued to berate them, using anti-lesbian slurs, the women said.

Exploding in rage, the lesbians beat and stomped Buckle to the ground. Johnson pulled out a knife and stabbed him - and the crime was captured on a video surveillance tape.

Prosecutors didn't try to excuse Buckle's crude conduct, but said he should never have been attacked.

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