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Caleb Watson Pleads Guilty to Assault in the First Degree

Rochester, NY- Today, 26 year old Caleb Watson pled guilty to Assault in the First Degree after admitting his involvement in an attack that occurred on Portland Avenue in the City of Rochester. During the afternoon hours of August 4, 2014, Earl Beyrle, 29, and his father were sitting on a porch when Watson attempted to steal a bicycle belonging to Beyrle's young niece. Beyrle confronted Watson, who then struck Beyrle in the back of the head with a hatchet, fracturing his skull. Beyrle continues to recover from the injuries he sustained.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney David Dys of the Major Felony Bureau.

"Occasional altercations that end in violence are an unfortunate fact of life in any city, but to strike someone in the head with a hatchet suggests a level of brutality and disregard for life bordering on the barbaric," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Fortunately, Mr. Beyrle survived this senseless attack, and today's conviction ensures that Caleb Watson will be spending a significant amount of time behind bars for his vicious behavior."

Watson, who will be sentenced before Judge James Piampiano on April 9th, is expected to receive a sentence of 15 years in State prison and 5 years post release supervision.

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