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Donkavius Howard Sentenced to 20 Years in Prison for Burglary in the First Degree and Assault of a Rochester Police Department Officer

Rochester, NY- Thursday, February 7, 2019, New York State Supreme Court Justice Thomas Moran sentenced 28-year-old Donkavius Howard to 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections with 5 years of Post-Release Supervision, after being convicted by a Monroe County Jury on November 29, 2018 of Burglary in the 1st degree, Assault in the 2nd degree, Aggravated Criminal Contempt, and Resisting Arrest. Justice Moran also issued an Order of Protection through 2044.

On July 21, 2018, Howard broke into his ex-wife's home on Sixth Street and assaulted her. As members of the Rochester Police Department arrived, Howard fought with the first responding officer and continued to fight with other officers. At the time of the incident, there was an Order of Protection already in place against Howard for the victim's protection.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers of the Special Victims Trial Division.

"Donkavius Howard is a violent individual who assaulted those closest to him and those responsible for protecting our community," said Senior Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers. "Rochester is a safer place with this sentence. When it comes to domestic violence, this community has said time and time again, we have had enough."

"Being a part of the law enforcement community, it is our responsibility to protect those victims who suffer at the hands of people they should be able to love and trust the most," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Thanks to the Rochester Police Department and Senior Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers, this dangerous individual will now serve a deserved and lengthy sentence in prison. We urge anyone in a domestic violence situation to reach out to law enforcement or the Willow Domestic Violence Center."

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