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James Hunter Convicted of Attempted Aggravated Murder of a Police Officer

Rochester, NY- On May 19, 2022, 55-year-old James Hunter was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Attempted Aggravated Murder of a Police Officer, Burglary in the First Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree for the attempted murder and shooting of Bryan Sheridan, a 15 year veteran of the Rochester Police Department.

On December 22, 2020, Officer Bryan Sheridan responded to a home located at 385 Hague Street for the report of a man breaking in a door with a gun. James Hunter was in the doorway of the enclosed porch of that home and upon seeing Officer Sheridan shot at him four times, hitting him twice. While taking fire, Officer Sheridan fearlessly called out his location and direction of travel of the suspect despite his serious injuries. Members of the Rochester Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Department, and the New York State Troopers heard Officer Sheridan's call of shots fired and immediately responded. Because of this tremendous law enforcement response to the area, the defendant James Hunter was unable to escape and was found hiding under a stockade fence.

The case was prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles and Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

"Officer Sheridan, a veteran member of the Rochester Police Department, left his home and reported for duty as he did every day of his 15 years of service. He put his own life on the line to protect and serve members of our community" said First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles. "Officer Sheridan was hit in the neck and will forever live with a bullet lodged near his spine because of the cowardly actions of James Hunter. The efforts of the multiple law enforcement agencies ensured this violent offender could not escape to harm anyone else."

"Police Officers report to their job everyday leaving their families at home, knowing they risk their lives" said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "When Officer Bryan Sheridan responded to the call on December 22, 2020, he did so fearlessly and without hesitation in the performance of his duty," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

James Hunter will be sentenced on June 22, 2022 in front of Monroe County Court Judge Michael Dollinger.

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