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Michael Parnell Sentenced to 23-26 Years for Attempted Murder

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 30-year-old Michael Parnell was sentenced by Monroe County Court Dollinger to 23 – 26 years in the New York State Department of Corrections, plus 5 years of post-release supervision. Michael Parnell was previously convicted by a Monroe County jury of Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for triple shooting at a strip club on Anderson Avenue.

On July 17, 2021, Rochester Police Officers responded to “The Barrel,” a strip club on Anderson Avenue where they found two men shot outside and one man shot inside the club. Michael Parnell was identified as the shooter of all three men, and after a thorough investigation, Parnell was located and arrested on August 29, 2021.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Chief of the Public Integrity & Economic Crime Bureau.

“Michael Parnell violently injured three individuals on July 17, 2021, and could have recklessly hurt, or even killed, more people,” said Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman. “Thankfully, the three victims survived their injuries but will live with the trauma and physical effects for the rest of their lives. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation that led to the apprehension of Michael Parnell and everyone who cooperated with the prosecution, each helped make our community safer.”

“When law enforcement refers to the small population inflicting the most violence on our community, they are referring to criminals like Michael Parnell,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Mr. Parnell shot three individuals without regard for their lives or the lives of anyone else who was present. We are pleased that Mr. Parnell will serve a lengthy prison sentence where he can no longer promote violence in our community.”

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