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**Jacob Seffens Convicted of Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- On Friday, April 26, 2024, 34-year-old Jacob Seffens was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for the assault of his 18-year-old niece.

On June 14, 2023, Rochester Police Officers arrived to a home on Chili Avenue in the City of Rochester. The victim was beaten and unresponsive. She was immediately taken to Strong Memorial Hospital where she was placed in a medically induced coma due to a traumatic brain injury with severe and life threatening swelling to her brain. Thankfully, due to the expert treatment by the medical professionals at Strong Hospital the victim was able to recover from these injuries and is physically doing better and on her way to a full recovery.

After a detailed investigation by the Rochester Police Department, it was determined that Jacob Seffens, the uncle to the victim, was responsible for this brutal assault. Jacob Seffens was in a sexual relationship with his niece. When the victim attempted to end the relationship with the defendant, Jacob Seffens beat her with a baseball bat, almost killing her. After being indicted by a Monroe County Grand Jury for this assault, he was arrested by the Rochester Police Department.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

“This survivor faced a terrible trauma and was courageous enough to face her assailant in court,” said Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher. “I would like to thank this young woman for her bravery in sharing her story, which will help prevent Jacob Seffens from hurting anyone else. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department, from the patrol officers who initially responded, to the investigators and the technicians, whose detailed work helped to secure today’s guilty verdict. It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office that the resilience of this victim will assist her as she continues to heal from this trauma.”

“Jacob Seffens’ actions were violent and personal,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Jacob Seffens was possessive and predatory. Instead of walking away from this disturbing relationship, he nearly killed his young niece. If you know or suspect a loved one may be in danger with a domestic violence situation, I urge you to call law enforcement or Willow Domestic Violence Center.”

Jacob Seffens will be sentenced on May 28, 2024, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Vacca. He faces 5-25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

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