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**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**Alexander Kates Sentenced for Kidnapping in Jewelry Lab Case**

Rochester, NY- Monroe County Judge Douglas Randall sentenced 24 year old Alexander Kates to 16 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for his role in the kidnapping of a Greece, NY family on August 6, 2014. Alexander Kates, along with co-defendant Thomas Pryor, held the family in their home, restrained by duct tape, all the while attempting to gain information so that they could break into the Jewelry Lab, a store located at Greece Ridge Mall. The defendants, along with co- defendant, Qzay Clark, successfully used the information to enter the store on August 7, 2014. Kates pled guilty to Kidnapping in the Second Degree, as did Thomas Pryor. Pryor and Clark were sentenced on May 20, 2015 to 18 years in the Department of Corrections and 3 years in the Department of Corrections, respectively.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz, Chief of the Special Investigation Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

"The emotional damage done to the victims of this crime will last far beyond the conclusion of this prosecution. Hopefully the sentences imposed will prevent these defendants from preying upon innocent members of our community ", said Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz.

Alexander Kates will begin serving his sentence immediately.

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