

**News Release from**  
**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
**Monroe County District Attorney**

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**Delijah Jackson Convicted of Strangulation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Three Counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Sexual Abuse in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- Monday, February 24, 2020 after a bench trial, Monroe County Court Judge Valleriani convicted 22-year-old Delijah Jackson of one count of Strangulation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, three counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and one count of Sexual Abuse in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for sexually assaulting a vulnerable adult.

On June 30, 2019, Delijah Jackson, who was residing at a group home while on parole, lured a vulnerable housemate off-site where the defendant sexually assaulted the victim. After the victim called the police, the Rochester Police Department conducted a swift investigation with DNA and GPS evidence and arrested Delijah Jackson. Jackson was convicted as a double predicate violent felony offender, will face a minimum of ten years and a maximum of 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections and must register as a sex offender.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Constance Patterson of the Special Victims Trial Division.

“The victim in this case demonstrated immense courage in reporting the assault to the police,” said Assistant District Attorney Constance Patterson. “As a double predicate violent felony offender, Mr. Jackson will spend at least ten years away from our community in the New York State Department of Corrections. Thank you to the Rochester Police Department for helping to ensure today’s verdict.”

“By targeting a vulnerable adult, Delijah Jackson knew exactly what he was doing on June 30,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Crimes against our community’s most vulnerable are completely unacceptable. The Monroe County District Attorney’s Office is pleased with today’s verdict and it is our hope that the victim can continue to heal after this violent assault.”

Delijah Jackson will be sentenced on March 9, 2020, by Monroe County Court Judge Valleriani.

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