

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Leon Roach Sentenced to 20 Years After Stabbing a Rochester Police Officer**

Rochester, NY- Monday, December 3, County Court Judge Sam L. Valleriani sentenced Leon Roach to 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections after being convicted following a bench trial on October 5, 2018 of Attempted Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Attempted Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Strangulation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

On September 14, 2017, the Rochester Police Department answered a call with reports of an individual stabbed at Louise Street in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, Roach lunged at an Officer with a knife in an attempt to stab the officer in the chest. Two other victims were injured by Roach, one had been stabbed and one strangled within the house.

“Today’s sentence is a clear indication that we will not tolerate violence against Law Enforcement or anyone else in the City of Rochester,” said Assistant District Attorney Julie Hahn, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau. “This defendant, who has a history of violence, brutally attacked three different individuals without regard to consequences or the law. Leon Roach is now out of our community and will be serving a lengthy prison sentence.”

“At the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office, we consistently take a stand against all violent acts in our community and will not tolerate aggression toward our police officers,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Today’s sentence affirms the belief that Leon Roach is a violent individual who has no regard for lives in our community. I want to thank the Rochester Police Officer who was harmed in the line of duty and the entire department for their swift apprehension and investigation of Leon Roach.”

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