

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Caitlynn Acoff Sentenced to 7 Years for Arson in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- Friday, September 27, 2019, Monroe County Judge Randall sentenced 27-year-old Caitlynn Acoff to 7 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of Post Release Supervision after pleading guilty to Arson in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree on August 30, 2019.

On March 27, 2019, Caitlynn Acoff was responsible for a fire at a multi-unit apartment building on Monroe Avenue, which trapped two firefighters, leaving one with severe burns. All of the tenants were displaced and the building was destroyed. The quick response of the Rochester Fire Department helped to rescue the lives of the families in the building.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

“Caitlynn Acoff’s behavior on March 27<sup>th</sup> was inexcusable and shockingly negligent. The lives of those families and the firemen will be forever impacted by her actions that morning,” said Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers. “It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office that Ms. Acoff recognizes her actions could have taken the lives of several innocent victims. This sentence would not have been possible without the support from the investigation by the Rochester Police Department and the Rochester Fire Department.”

“I want to sincerely thank the Rochester Fire Department who ensured that no one lost their lives during the terrifying fire,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “The actions of Caitlynn Acoff changed the lives of everyone in that building last March and even impacted neighboring businesses. She will now have the next seven years to think about the way her violent and dangerous actions affected the entire community and the lives of those around her.”

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