

**News Release from
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Charles Thomas Sentenced to 8 Years for the Rape of a 15-year-old

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, April 25, State Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi sentenced 30-year-old Charles Thomas to 8 years in the New York State Department of Corrections and 15 years of Post Release Supervision after being convicted by a Monroe County Jury on March 16, 2018, of two counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 3rd Degree and one count of Rape in the 3rd Degree.

On September 28, 2017, the Rochester Police Department responded to a call at a home in the City of Rochester which led to a three hour standoff. The Rochester Police Department was able to successfully apprehend and arrest Charles Thomas for sexually engaging with a 15-year-old female.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Amanda Balling and Assistant District Attorney Kevin Sunderland, both of the Child Abuse Bureau.

“Thanks to the 15-year-old victim who immediately came forward, Charles Thomas will not be able to hurt anyone else in our community,” said Assistant District Attorney Amanda Balling. “I want to thank the Rochester Police Department, whose officers endured a three hour standoff the resulted in the arrest of Charles Thomas. Charles Thomas is truly a predator in our community but with 8 years in the New York State Department of Corrections and an additional 15 years of Supervision, the defendant will have a lot of time to think about his actions and the trauma his actions caused a young 15-year-old.”

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