

**News Release from**  
**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**Ernestiaze Moore Sentenced to 20 years for Shooting at Rochester Police  
Officer Kelly Phillips**

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, September 20, 2017, County Court Judge Dinolfo sentenced 17-year-old Ernestiaze Moore to 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections with 5 years of post-release supervision for his plea of Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

On February 26, 2017, Officer Kelly Phillips, a 16-year veteran of RPD, responded to calls of multiple shots fired in the City of Rochester. Once Officer Phillips spotted Ernestiaze Moore, he took aim at Officer Phillips with a .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun and fired a shot from ten feet away. Officer Phillips was not struck. After the shooting, Moore fled and was quickly apprehended by the Rochester Police Department.

The case was prosecuted by Perry Duckles, First Assistant District Attorney.

“Officer Kelly Phillips’s dedication and extensive training as a police officer to serve and protect is the only reason that Ernestiaze Moore is alive today,” said Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles. “On the February night in the split second that Moore decided to point his gun at Officer Phillips, he nearly took the life of a Rochester Police Officer, a decision he will pay for over his next twenty years in prison. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their swift actions that led to Moore’s arrest that ensured that he is no longer a threat to our City and law enforcement.”

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