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**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**John Parnell, Jr. Convicted of Assault in 1<sup>st</sup> Degree After Nearly Fatal Stabbing**

Rochester, NY- On Friday, March 30, 2018, a Monroe County Jury convicted 56-year-old John Parnell, Jr. of Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

On October 6, 2017, John Parnell, Jr. assaulted and stabbed the victim, who was known to him, over a debt of \$10.00 near the intersection of Dewey Avenue and Ridgeway Avenue. After the stabbing, the victim made his way towards a firehouse, where the Rochester Fire Department was able to provide him with immediate medical attention. During the jury trial, the trauma surgeon testified that the victim lost approximately 40% of the blood in his body from the nearly-fatal stab wound. As a predicate violent felony offender, John Parnell, Jr. faces up to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Laura Vanderbrook, of the Major Felony Bureau.

“This assault was truly a violent and unnecessary act,” said Assistant District Attorney Laura Vanderbrook. “John Parnell, Jr. nearly took the life of someone he had known for years in a brutal and senseless attack. If the Rochester Fire Department had not found the victim, this would have been a very different tragedy and Parnell would be facing homicide charges. Our community is now safer with John Parnell, Jr. serving a lengthy sentence behind bars.”

John Parnell, Jr. will be sentenced on May 15, 2018, in front of County Court Judge Randall.

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