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John Parnell, Jr. Sentence to 16-years After Nearly Fatal Stabbing

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, May 22, 2018, Monroe County Court Judge Randall sentenced 56-year-old John Parnell, Jr. to 16 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of Post Release Supervision as a Second Violent Felony Offender after being convicted by a Monroe County Jury of Assault in the 1st Degree on March 30, 2018.

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.

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

“I want to thank the dedicated firefighters at the Rochester Fire Department, without whom, this may have ended up being a homicide trial,” said Assistant District Attorney Laura Vanderbrook. “Parnell’s assault was truly violent, unnecessary and nearly took the life of someone he had known for years. John Parnell, Jr. will now have plenty of time in the New York State Department of Corrections to think about how his violent and criminal actions have affected his community.”

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