

**News Release from**  
**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**Patrick Watkins Convicted of Criminal Sexual Act in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and  
Sexual Abuse in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- On Friday, September 2, 2022, 35-year-old Patrick Watkins was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Criminal Sexual Act in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Sexual Abuse in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for the sexual abuse against a child under the age of 11.

This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department. This abuse occurred on or about and between April 1, 2016, and July 31, 2016.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Kevin Sunderland, of the Special Victims Unit.

“It is because of the fortitude and perseverance of the young victim that a sexual predator will be sent to the New York State Department of Corrections and unable to hurt another child in our community,” said Assistant District Attorney Kevin Sunderland. “I cannot overstate the strength required of this victim to speak out against her abuser. It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office that the resilience of this victim will assist her as she continues to heal from this unspeakable trauma.”

“Child abuse cases are some of the most difficult that come through our office,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “As adults, it is our responsibility to protect children and keep them out of harm’s way. Patrick Watkins committed among the vilest of acts against a child who he was supposed to protect. If you know or suspect a child may be in danger, I urge you to call law enforcement or Bivona Child Advocacy Center.”

Patrick Watkins will be sentenced in front of Monroe County Court Judge Vacca. He faces up to 35 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

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