

**News Release from**  
**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**Patrick Watkins Sentenced to 27 Years for the Sexual Abuse Against a Child**

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 35-year-old Patrick Watkins was sentenced by Monroe County Court Judge Vacca to a total of 27 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 20 years of post-release supervision for the sexual abuse against a child under the age of 11. 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.

This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department with assistance from the Bivona Child Advocacy Center. 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 of the young victim that a sexual predator will serve decades in 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 strength and perseverance of this victim will assist her as she continues to heal from this unspeakable trauma.”

“Child sexual abuse cases are some of the most heart wrenching that come through our office,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Patrick Watkins committed among the vilest of acts against a child who he was supposed to protect. Although this lengthy sentence will not erase Mr. Watkins’ horrific actions, it is our hope that the victim in this case will find comfort knowing that she is safe from her abuser. If you know or suspect a child may be in danger, I urge you to call law enforcement or Bivona Child Advocacy Center.”

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