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**Stephany Ruckdeschel Sentenced to 12 Years for the Attempted Murder of
Her Granddaughter**

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, April 25, State Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi sentenced 54-year-old Stephany Ruckeschel to 12 years in the New York State Department of Corrections and 5 years of Post Release Supervision after pleading guilty to Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree for the attempted murder of her 7-year-old granddaughter. A no contact order of protection was also issued.

On October 12, 2017, Stephany Ruckdeschel gave the child a drug without her consent at a home on Wetmore Park in the City of Rochester. The defendant intended to take both her own life and the life of her granddaughter. The child is now healthy thanks to the swift life-saving actions of the Rochester Fire Department, the Rochester Police Department and the ARM Rochester Medical Staff.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Amanda Balling, of the Child Abuse Bureau.

“With Stephany Ruckdeschel’s admission of guilt, the young victim and the rest of her family can start to move on from this incredibly traumatic event,” said Assistant District Attorney Amanda Balling. “By pleading guilty to the attempted murder of her granddaughter, the child will not have to go through the difficult process of testifying against her grandmother in court. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department, the Rochester Fire Department and the ARM Rochester Medical staff for the quick response that saved a child’s life and ultimately led to the apprehension of Ruckdeschel. It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office that the victim can continue to heal from this emotionally and physically disturbing incident now that the defendant is behind bars.”

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