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**Parolee Laurice Howard Convicted of Burglary in the 2nd Degree as a
Sexually Motivated Felony**

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, September 12, 2024, 51-year-old Laurice Howard was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Burglary in the 2nd Degree as a Sexually Motivated Felony and Criminal Trespass in the 2nd Degree.

On October 26, 2023, Rochester Police Officers responded to a call at a home on Scrantom Street in the City of Rochester. A man had broken into a house where two young children were sleeping. The mother of the children woke to the commotion and found the man wearing only unzipped pants, laying with her 8-year-old child. She threw the man out of her house before calling the police.

Rochester Police Officers identified the assailant as parolee, Laurice Howard. They located him that same day down the street, where he had broken into another woman's house.

This case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Janna Jehlen, of the Special Victims Unit.

"The actions of Laurice Howard are a parent's worst nightmare," said Assistant District Attorney Janna Jehlen. "I want to thank the victim's mother for her cooperation and her actions that ensured that this was not a worse outcome for her children. Larucie Howard is a predator who is best served in the New York State Department of Corrections, away from our community."

"Laurice Howard knew what he was doing when he forcefully broke into two separate homes last October," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Thank you to the Rochester Police Department for their swift investigation that led to the quick apprehension of the defendant. It is my sincerest hope that today's verdict brings some closure to the impacted families who may no longer feel safe inside their own homes."

Laurice Howard is scheduled to be sentenced on October 23, 2024 in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

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