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**Raymond Noel Sentenced to 35 Years to Life for the Attempted Aggravated
Murder of East Rochester Police Officer Brad Steve**

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 52-year-old Raymond Noel was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi to 35 years to Life for the attempted murder of East Rochester Police Officer Brad Steve. Raymond Noel was previously convicted by a Monroe County jury of Attempted Aggravated Murder, Attempted Aggravated Assault Upon a Police Officer or Peace Officer, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree.

On January 14, 2024, East Rochester Police Officers responded to an unknown call at an apartment on Garfield Street in East Rochester. Officer Brad Steve encountered Raymond Noel, who had an illegally possessed handgun visible on his body. During the attempted de-escalation, Raymond Noel ignored police commands and pointed the handgun at Officer Steve, who fired two rounds at the defendant. Raymond Noel responded by shooting at Officer Steve six times, unloading the weapon and shooting the Officer once in the chest. Thankfully, Officer Steve was protected by his police issued vest.

Following the shooting, this case was investigated by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau and Special Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, also of the Major Felony Bureau.

“One year ago, Officer Steve arrived to an unknown call for assistance, just like he has done time and time again. Instead of a calm conversation with Raymond Noel, he was shot by the defendant,” said Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan. “This incident could have ended peacefully, but instead the defendant chose to point his illegally possessed firearm at an experienced police officer whose life was in imminent danger. Today’s life sentence is a much needed resolution for Officer Steve and the entire law enforcement community. This case should serve as a reminder of the sacrifice of law enforcement and how quickly a call for service can become deadly. Thank you to Officer Steve, and all of law enforcement, for continuing to protect and serve our community.”

“Raymond Noel now has the rest of his life to contemplate his actions that could have killed a police officer,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “I am grateful that this shooting did not turn into another tragic death of a police officer in this community, which is a direct testament to Officer Steve’s training and experience. I could not be prouder of his great police work in this violent and life-threatening situation. With Raymond Noel serving a life sentence in the New York State Department of Corrections, it is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office that Officer Steve, his family, and the entire East Rochester Police Department can continue to heal from this trauma.”

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