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**Robert Surles Guilty of First Degree Assault**

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Jury found 21 year old Robert Surles guilty of Assault in the First Degree and two counts of criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree for a shooting that occurred on Wentworth Street on May 22, 2014. On that date, Surles shot 25 year old Tijuan Polite four times, with one of the bullets striking him in the back. Surles survived the assault, but sustained serious injuries.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan of the Major Felony Bureau.

"Today, a Monroe County jury took another violent criminal off of our streets, a man who shot a member of our community in the back in broad daylight," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "As our city continues to grapple with an epidemic of gun violence, I appreciate all of the help provided to law enforcement by citizens, and appeal to those who witness such violence to help us keep Rochester safe."

Surles, who faces up to 25 years in State prison, will be sentenced before State Supreme Court Justice Alexander Renzi on April 15th.

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