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**Alonzo Jones Convicted of Attempted Aggravated Murder, Attempted
Aggravated Assault Upon a Police Officer or a Peace Officer, and two counts
of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree**

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, December 7, 2023, 35-year-old Alonzo Jones was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Attempted Murder 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 for shooting at a Monroe County Sheriff's Deputy in the Town of Henrietta.

On June 2, 2022, Monroe County Sheriff's Deputies responded to Carrabba's Italian Grill, a restaurant in Henrietta, for a call of a man with a gun in the bar. Monroe County Sheriff's Deputies made contact with the defendant, Alonzo Jones, in the restaurant and began talking to him in an effort to de-escalate the situation. During the attempted de-escalation, Alonzo Jones picked up a revolver and shot at the head of Deputy Nicholas Cooper. Deputy Cooper was not injured and the bullet struck the wall three feet to the right of his head.

The responding Monroe County Sheriff's deputies returned fire and arrested Alonzo Jones. Nobody, including the defendant, was injured during this altercation.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mathew Schwartz, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

"Alonzo Jones risked the lives of patrons who were out to dinner at a restaurant, before attempting to murder a Monroe County Sheriff's deputy," said Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz. "Thankfully, everyone in the restaurant, from the patrons to the deputies to the defendant, walked out of the restaurant without serious injuries. I want to thank the Monroe County Sheriff's Office for their quick actions that almost certainly saved lives that evening, and led to the successful prosecution of Alonzo Jones."

"This conviction is a terrifying reminder that law enforcement officers risk their lives every single day," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "I am grateful that this did not turn into another tragic death of a police officer in this community. The responding Monroe County Sheriff's Deputies acted quickly and professionally to de-escalate the situation before someone was killed and I could not be prouder of their great police work in this violent and life-threatening situation. It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office that Alonzo Jones serves a lengthy prison sentence where he can no longer risk the lives of anyone in our community."

“By the grace of God, no one was injured that summer evening last year when Mr. Jones made a decision to fire a gun in a crowded restaurant at one of my deputies,” said Monroe County Sheriff Todd Baxter. “I am grateful no one, deputies, patrons, nor restaurant staff, was injured in what could have been a horrific tragedy. Deputies saved lives that evening. I am proud of the police work that took place and the manner in which deputies helped innocent patrons exit the restaurant to safety. The tenacity of the men and women who conducted a thorough investigation is also to be commended. There were several heroes that night, including the customers and restaurant staff who helped one another. This conviction, prosecuted by the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office, sends a message that those responsible for putting the lives of our community and my deputies in danger will not be tolerated.”

Alonzo Jones will be sentenced on January 16, 2024, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Meredith Vacca. He faces a maximum sentence of 40 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections.

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