

**News Release from
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Michael Caruthers Guilty of Raping 14 Year Old Girl

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Jury found 23 year old Michael Caruthers guilty of two counts of Rape in the First Degree, two counts of Rape in the Second Degree, Criminal Sexual Act in the First Degree, Criminal Sexual Act in the Second Degree, and Criminal Obstruction of Breathing for an attack that occurred at approximately 7:30 AM on August 23, 2014. On that date, a 14 year old girl was walking in the area of the Liberty Pole when Michael Caruthers grabbed her, proceeded to rape her on the sidewalk, then dragged her to a porch of an abandoned building, where he raped and sodomized her. Caruthers was released from prison the day before the attack.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara Van Strydonck of the Special Victims Trial Division.

"Michael Caruthers preyed upon and violated a complete and total stranger, a vulnerable fourteen year old girl, in broad daylight in downtown Rochester. Thanks to the diligent efforts of the Rochester Police Department, Caruthers was arrested just minutes after the attack," said Van Strydonck. "The jury's verdict ensures that this dangerous predator will remain off of our streets. We are happy to bring justice to the victim and her family."

Caruthers, who faces up to 50 years in State prison, will be sentenced before Judge James Piampiano on May 21st.

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