

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
Monroe County District Attorney**

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**Joel Clavijo Convicted for Kidnapping in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- Thursday, May 23, 2019, Monroe County Court Judge Dinolfo convicted 33-year-old Joel Clavijo of one count of Kidnapping in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the imprisonment of a 17-year-old male.

On September 23, 2018, Joel Clavijo held a 17-year-old male against his will at Clavijo's property on N. Goodman Street in the City of Rochester. After wrongfully accusing the victim of stealing from him, Joel Clavijo zip-tied the victim in the back room of his property and threatened the victim's life with a weapon. After the victim was reported missing, the Rochester Police Department quickly investigated and spoke to the defendant, who was known to the victim. After holding the victim for approximately five hours, Joel Clavijo released him and was arrested by the Rochester Police Department.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Peter Van Dellon, of the Major Felony Bureau.

"Today's verdict is justice for the victim who feared for his life at the hands of Joel Clavijo," said Assistant District Attorney Peter Van Dellon. "I want to thank the Rochester Police Department, whose quick response to a missing person's report may have saved the victim's life."

"Joel Clavijo recklessly held a young man against his will for hours, putting him through an incredibly traumatic experience," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "We are pleased with today's verdict and hope the victim can find justice and peace knowing that his captor will spend years in the New York State Department of Corrections."

Joel Clavijo will be sentenced on August 15, 2019, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dinolfo. He faces 5-25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

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