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**Todd Griffin Pleads Guilty to Assault in the First Degree and Arson in the
Second Degree**

Rochester, NY- Thursday, March 16, 2017, 49-year-old Todd Griffin pled guilty to Assault in the First Degree and Arson in the Second Degree for an assault and subsequent arson against his girlfriend. On April 4, 2015, Todd Griffin assaulted his then-girlfriend with a hammer, resulting in significant injuries. He fled, leaving the victim unconscious on the floor. He was apprehended after he called authorities to report he had killed the woman.

On April 30, 2016, he set fire to the same woman's home in retaliation for her continued cooperation with authorities regarding the 2015 assault. At the time of the arson, there were a several people in the home, including five children.

Griffin will be sentenced on April 18, 2017 by Justice Joanne M. Winslow and will receive a sentence of 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections with 5 years of post-release supervision. Griffin waived his right to appeal and orders of protection will be issued for the victim and witnesses.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

“The District Attorney’s Office takes domestic violence cases seriously and works to ensure every victim gets the justice they deserve. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and the Rochester Fire Department for their dedication and commitment to this investigation,” said Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers. “Today’s conviction is an important reminder to our community that witness intimidation will not be tolerated.”

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