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Judge Renzi Sentences Robert Surles to 18 Years

Rochester, NY- Today, Monroe County Court Judge Alexander Renzi sentenced 21 year old Robert Surles to 18 years DOCS and 5 years PRS for Assault in the First Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree. The shooting 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. Polite survived the assault, but sustained serious injuries. A jury convicted Robert Surles of the charges on March 12, 2015.

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

"Judge Renzi's sentencing insures Mr. Surles is no longer a threat to our community. During the trial the victim faced intimidation that included having shots fired at him. The sentence sends a strong message that our criminal justice system does not tolerate the intimidation of victims or witnesses." The District Attorney's office appreciates those who come forward to assist us in prosecuting violent criminals like Robert Surles," said Assistant District Attorney Michael J. Harrigan.

Robert Surles will begin serving his sentence immediately.

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