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Calvin Parnell Convicted of Eight Counts of Various Weapon and Drug Charges – Bench Warrant Issued After Defendant Failed to Appear in Court

Rochester, NY- Tuesday, April 4, 2017, a Monroe County Jury convicted 26-year-old Calvin Parnell of two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, one count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fifth Degree, one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, three counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the Second Degree and one count of criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree.

On June 7, 2016, Calvin Parnell was pulled over shortly before midnight by the Greece Police Department on Dewey Avenue for a routine traffic stop. Once pulled over, a rock of crack cocaine fell from his pants. Upon his arrest, he informed the police that his 3-year-old child was home alone. The GPD informed the Rochester Police Department, and RPD went to check on the welfare of the child. The child was safely removed and a warrant was requested after RPD saw suspected heroin on the kitchen counter. Once the search warrant was issued, RPD located two fully loaded handguns, furanyl fentanyl, alprazolam and drug paraphernalia including multiple items used in the packaging and distribution of heroin. Calvin Parnell posted bail but failed to return to Court once his trial had begun, and a bench warrant is currently out for his arrest.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“Thanks to the quick actions of the Greece Police Department and the thorough search by the Rochester Police Department, Calvin Parnell will be going to prison,” said Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano. “Our community will not tolerate illegal drugs and weapons on our streets. We are satisfied that Parnell will no longer be a threat to his neighbors or a danger to his own child.”

Calvin Parnell will be sentenced on June 12, 2017, in front of State Supreme Court Justice Charles Schiano Jr.

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