

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Sylvester Baxtrum and Antwan Thomas Convicted on All Charges**

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Jury found 25 year old Sylvester Baxtrum and 23 year old Antwan Thomas guilty of two counts of Burglary in the First Degree and one count of Assault in the Second Degree. The men were charged based on an attack that took place on April 17, 2014 at 26 Galusha Street. On that day, Baxtrum and Thomas arrived at 26 Galusha Street to retrieve property that was not at the location. When they were locked out of the house, Baxtrum and Thomas kicked in the door and beat the residents with a baseball bat and piece of the door frame. The victims and a witness called 911 for assistance. Two of the victims sustained physical injuries from the attack.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Chistine K. Callanan of the Major Felony Bureau.

"Every member of our community deserves to feel safe in their homes. These defendants brazenly violated that by kicking in the locked door of the house and attacking the victims." said Assistant District Attorney Christine K. Callanan. "The hard work and diligent investigation by the Rochester Police Department made this successful prosecution possible."

Sylvester Baxtrum faces 5 to 25 years in prison and will be sentenced by Justice Joanne M. Winslow on August 11, 2015. Antwan Thomas faces 5 to 25 years in prison and will be sentenced by Justice Joanne M. Winslow on August 18, 2015.

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