

**News Release from
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**Derrick Peace Convicted of two counts of Attempted Murder, Assault 1st,
Assault 2nd and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd**

Rochester, NY- Tuesday, August 24, 2021, a Monroe County Jury convicted 40-year-old Derrick Peace of two counts of Attempted Murder, Assault 1st, Assault 2nd and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for shooting two women.

On August 3, 2020, Derrick Peace approached two women who were sitting on a front porch in the City of Rochester. The defendant shot both women multiple times at close range with the intention to kill both victims. There were children inside the home during the time of the shooting during daylight hours. Both women were rushed to Strong Memorial Hospital where they experienced a lengthy recovery.

The Rochester Police Department led a detailed and diligent investigation into this shooting. With excellent work from the investigative team and critical information from the community, the Rochester Police Department arrested Derrick Peace for the attempted murders eight days later. Both victims are doing well today, but suffer physical and emotional effects from this traumatic shooting.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, of the Major Felony Bureau.

“I want to thank the investigative team at Rochester Police Department for their involved investigation and community outreach that led to the apprehension of Derrick Peace,” said Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst. “Derrick Peace attempted to kill two women in our community without any regard for their lives or the lives of the victims’ families. The best place for Derrick Peace is in the New York State Department of Corrections where he can contemplate his violent actions.”

“Today’s jury verdict proves how important community involvement is for some of our most violent cases,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Without witnesses and help from members of the community, Derrick Peace may still be out of custody and the two victims would be fearing for their lives. Thank you to the Rochester Police Department and everyone involved in this case who helped secure justice today.”

Derrick Peace will be sentenced on October 8, 2021, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Douglas Randall.

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