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Jesus Hernandez Sentenced to 18 Years to Life After Conviction for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree as a Persistent Violent Felony Offender

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, December 1, 35-year-old Jesus Hernandez was sentenced to 18 years to Life as a mandatory persistent violent offender in the New York State Department of Corrections by Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger. Jesus Hernandez was convicted by a Monroe County Jury of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree on October 4, 2021.

On March 11, 2020, at approximately 8:30PM in the City of Rochester, after a traffic infraction, Jesus Hernandez was stopped in a vehicle by the New York State Police GIVE (Gun Involved Violence Elimination) detail and found to be in possession of a loaded handgun. Mr. Hernandez had two prior violent felony convictions.

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

“With two violent felony convictions in his past, an illegal, loaded weapon in Jesus Hernandez’s possession could lead to further gun violence,” said Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano. “I want to thank the New York State Police Department and GIVE for their diligence in removing another illegal weapon from our community. As a mandatory persistent violent offender, Mr. Hernandez will now spend the 18 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections, instead of further promoting violence in our community.”

“With the gun violence and homicide rates in the City of Rochester, removing illegal firearms from our streets and holding violent offenders accountable is a top priority of law enforcement and our community,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “The Monroe County District Attorney’s Office takes weapons charges extremely seriously and it is now more important than ever to remove these dangerous guns out of the hands of criminals. We are seeing arrests for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree almost every day and we continue to prosecute these cases in a court of law.”

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