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**Keith Williams Sentenced to 40-Years-to-Life for Attempted Aggravated
Murder of a Police Officer, Attempted Murder in the Second Degree,
Aggravated Assault Upon a Police Officer, and Assault in the First Degree
Conviction**

Rochester, NY- On June 8, 2022, New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi sentenced 30-year-old Keith Williams to 40-years-to-life in the New York State Department of Corrections. This sentence comes after his jury conviction of Attempted Aggravated Murder of a Police Officer, Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Aggravated Assault Upon a Police Officer, and Assault in the First Degree for the brutal attack of 23 year veteran, Police Officer, Dennison Wright.

On October 4, 2019, Officer Dennison Wright responded to a domestic disturbance at Peck Street where Keith Williams violently attacked him. Beating and stabbing Officer Wright, causing him permanent vision loss in both eyes. During the altercation, Officer Wright was heroically able to subdue Mr. Williams despite his injuries. Thanks to the help of two civilians who heard Officer Wright's cries for help, and assisted in restraining Mr. Williams until the Rochester Police Department arrived.

The case was prosecuted by District Attorney Sandra Doorley and Special Assistant District Attorney Bianca D'Angelo of the Major Felony Bureau.

"It is easy to forget as we go about our daily lives the sacrifice police officers often make to help keep us safe. Officer Dennison Wright is a heroic example of what those sacrifices often are," said Assistant District Attorney Bianca D'Angelo. "I want to thank the Rochester Police Department Major Crimes Unit for their swift and thorough investigation that helped to bring the defendant to justice."

"Keith Williams' actions prove his utter lack of regard for the law and safety of others. He will no longer be a threat to the community and has 40-years-to-life to think of his despicable actions that resulted in Officer Wright permanently losing his vision." said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "I hope today will bring some closure for Officer Wright, he honorably dedicated his entire life to protecting and serving the community and deserved better from those he served."

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