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**Dennis Perez Pled Guilty to 2 counts of Kidnapping in the Second Degree for
His Role in the University of Rochester Student Abduction Case**

Rochester, NY- Today, 24 year old Dennis Perez pled guilty to 2 counts of Kidnapping in the Second Degree for his role in the December 5, 2015 abduction of two University of Rochester students. As a part of today's agreement, Perez will be sentenced to 35 years in New York State Prison and 5 years post release supervision.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and Senior Assistant District Christine Callanan of the Major Felony Bureau.

"We now have 5 defendants who have pled guilty to charges related to the December 5, 2015 abduction of two University of Rochester students. Each of the five will spend a significant number of years in a New York State Prison," said Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz. "It certainly speaks to the strength of our case against the remaining 4 defendants who will stand trial on October 31, 2016."

Dennis Perez will be sentenced by Supreme Court Justice Alex R. Renzi on November 23, 2016.

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