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**Korane Womack Convicted of Criminal Sex Act in the First Degree and
Criminal Sex Act in the Third Degree**

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Jury convicted 42-year-old Korane Womack of Criminal Sexual Act in the First Degree and Criminal Sexual Act in the Third Degree for his actions on October 18, 2015. On that day, the victim was walking on Avenue D near St. Paul Street in the City of Rochester when Womack approached her, grabbed her by the arm, and forced her behind an abandoned building. Womack then threatened to kill the victim if she did not perform oral sex on him. Korane Womack had earlier unsuccessfully preyed on another woman in the area just a short time before, and she contacted the police once she discovered Womack attacking the victim. Rochester Police Officer Joel Hasper caught Womack while still attacking the victim, and he arrested Womack.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Leslie Schildt of the Special Victims Trial Division's Sex Crimes Bureau.

"This excellent outcome would not have been possible if not for the bravery of the women who testified and the excellent work done by Officer Hasper and other members of the Rochester Police Department," said Assistant District Attorney Leslie Schildt. "This case proves that great things can happen when brave victims stand side-by-side with diligent, ethical officers."

Korane Womack will be sentenced on December 1, 2016 by Supreme Court Justice John J. Ark. As a mandatory persistent violent felony offender Womack faces 20 years to life with the Department of Corrections.

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