

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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**Thomas Zdatny Convicted of Attempted Assault in the First Degree, Assault
in the Second Degree, Attempted Robbery in the First Degree
and Attempted Robbery in Second Degree**

Rochester, NY- Friday, a Monroe County jury convicted Thomas Zdatny of Attempted Assault in the First Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, Attempted Robbery in the First Degree and Attempted Robbery in the Second Degree. In the afternoon of October 9, 2015 Thomas Zdatny was a passenger in a taxi cab operated by Murie Adeyemon. Zdatny told Adeyemon to pull over and park on Ernestine St. in the City of Rochester. While Adeyemon waited for payment, the defendant stabbed him in the neck with a knife. Adeyemon managed to wrestle the knife away from Zdatny and during the struggle crashed the taxi into a tree. Fortunately neighbors heard the car strike the tree and called 911 for assistance.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Christine Callanan of the Major Felony Bureau.

"The success of this prosecution can be attributed to the many neighbors and civilians who decided to get involved the day of the crime and assist the victim. And, their ongoing commitment and cooperation with the Rochester Police Department and our office throughout the investigation and trial proceedings," said Senior Assistant District Attorney Christine Callanan. "We are grateful for the support we received from the community. I know the victim felt comforted by the tremendous community support and as a result of this strong verdict, can now begin the healing process."

Thomas Zdatny will be sentenced by Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi on April 20, 2016.

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