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**Adam Thomas Sentenced 29 Years for Three Separate Robberies**

Rochester, NY- Today, Monroe County Supreme Court Justice Thomas Moran sentenced 30 year old Adam Thomas for his November 20, 2016 conviction of 2 counts of Robbery in the Second Degree and 1 count of Robbery in the Third Degree. Each individual count was related to a separate criminal act by Adam Thomas.

On August 31, 2013, 94 year-old Elena Blavesciunas was attacked from behind and had her purse stolen as she was walking alone in Titus Court Apartments in Irondequoit. On April 15, 2015, Adam Thomas robbed Irene Breedlove in a similar manner while she was walking alone on Ridge Road near North Clinton Avenue in the City of Rochester. Two days later, on April 17, 2015, Thomas robbed Cynthia Reinhardt, stealing her purse, also at the Titus Court Apartments in Irondequoit. Both Reinhardt and Blavesciunas were injured during the robbery. Adam Thomas was currently on Probation for a separate, unrelated prior conviction of Attempted Robbery in the Second Degree

Thomas was sentenced to a total of 29 years to 32 years and 5 years post release supervision. For the two counts of Robbery in the Second Degree he was sentenced to 12 years and 5 years post release supervision. For the one count of Robbery in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, he was sentenced to 3 to 6 years in NYS prison, all to run consecutive to one another. He was also sentenced separately by County Court Judge Melchor E. Castro for violating his probation. The 2 year sentence for this offense with additional 3 years post release supervision will run consecutive to all three robbery conviction sentences.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Laura Vanderbrook of the Non-Violent Felony Bureau.

"Adam Thomas will spend up to 32 years in prison for violent attacks on innocent members of our community. He repeatedly demonstrated his callous disregard for others in our community. Today's sentencing will ensure he is no longer a risk to others," said Assistant District Attorney Laura Vanderbrook.

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