

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Jury: Anthony Perri Guilty On All Counts**

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County jury found Anthony Perri Guilty of three (3) counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree (class D Felony) and three (3) counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child (class A Misdemeanor) for sexual assaults that he carried out on three juvenile victims on January 24<sup>th</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup> of 2012 in two area libraries. On those dates, Perri approached the victims while they read books at the libraries and removed their footwear before inappropriately touching their feet. Though he was able to escape following the initial incident, he was apprehended in July after being interrupted and confronted by the mother of one of his victims. Perri's trial, which commenced last week, was delayed for several months while the defendant underwent psychological evaluation to determine his competency to stand trial.

The case of People v. Anthony Perri is significant because it is a *case of first impression*—meaning that it is likely the first time that the felony statute applied in this case was used in this manner in New York State. Such cases establish precedent which can be used to determine the appropriateness of charges in future cases.

The case was prosecuted for the People by William Gargan, Chief of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Bureau, following an investigation by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

“So much was made about the defendant's bizarre behavior both before and after his arrest that many forget that this man victimized children,” said Gargan. “Mr. Perri's actions, while strange, were fundamentally predatory, and I believe strongly that the children of this community are safer following today's verdict.”

Perri will be sentenced on December 5<sup>th</sup> before Judge Victoria Argento, where he faces up to 10 years in prison for each of the felony convictions. He remains held in the Monroe County Jail.

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