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William Combs Convicted of Assault in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, April 29, 47-year-old William Combs was convicted by a Monroe County Jury of one count of Assault in the 2nd Degree and one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree.

On July 23, 2020, a Rochester Police Officer was called to a home on Chili Avenue. The officer found William Combs with an illegal handgun after shooting the victim. During the confrontation, Mr. Combs dropped the weapon and ran from the home. Inside the home, a 43-year-old woman had been shot. She was taken to Strong Memorial Hospital for her severe injuries.

Following a short chase, the Rochester Police Department apprehended and arrested William Combs for the assault against the victim.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney William Gargan, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

“I was incredibly impressed by the strength and intelligence of the victim who secretly dialed 9-1-1 during her assault,” said Assistant District Attorney William Gargan. “Because of her swift actions, she is alive today and the Rochester Police Department was able to apprehend William Combs, who is a danger to our community. I want to thank the Rochester Police Officer who responded and saved the victim’s life and helped to apprehend Mr. Combs.”

“I am pleased that the jury found William Combs guilty of this violent crime that nearly killed his girlfriend,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “William Combs is a violent individual who had no regard for the life of someone he claimed to love. Thanks to the quick and thoughtful actions of the Rochester Police Department, Mr. Combs will no longer be a threat to the victim or our community.”

William Combs will be sentenced on June 2, 2021, in front of State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

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