

**News Release from**  
**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**Miguel Cotto Convicted of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child**

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, October 20, 2021, after a bench trial 47-year-old Miguel Cotto was convicted by New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento of one count of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child for the ongoing abuse against a child under the age of 13.

This case was investigated by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Monroe County Child Protective Services, the Monroe County Crime Lab and a sexual assault nurse examiner at the University of Rochester Medical Center. This abuse occurred on or about and between November 2018 and January 2020.

This case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Hillary Langdon, of the Special Victims Unit.

"After years of trauma, this young victim was able to work with investigators and face her abuser in court," said Assistant District Attorney Hillary Langdon. "The strength of this victim cannot be overstated and it is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office that the victim can use this resilience to heal from these tragic events. I want to thank the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Child Protective Services, the Monroe County Crime Lab and the incredible SANE nurse at University of Rochester Medical Center for conducting an excellent investigation that helped to secure today's verdict."

"Miguel Cotto is a predator and sexual offender who preyed on a child," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Today's verdict proves that if a child is being abused, our office, and the entire law enforcement community, take these cases extremely seriously and we will work tirelessly to hold the offender accountable. If you know or suspect a child may be in danger, I urge you to call law enforcement or Bivona Child Advocacy Center."

Miguel Cotto will be sentenced on November 18, 2021, in front of New York State Justice Argento. He faces a minimum of 10 years – Life in the New York State Department of Corrections and a maximum of 25 years – Life in the New York State Department of Corrections.

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