

**News Release from**  
**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**Courtney Barber Convicted of Attempted Rape in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, February 3, 2023, 32-year-old Courtney Barber was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Attempted Rape in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for the sexual assault of a 17-year-old young woman on September 18, 2021.

On September 18, 2021, a student at the University of Rochester was sexually assaulted by Courtney Barber on the Genesee Valley Park path. Multiple good Samaritans heard the victim, ran toward the assault, and scared off Courtney Barber. Another good Samaritan immediately alerted the University of Rochester Department of Public Safety. After running off, Barber was quickly detained by the University Of Rochester Department Of Public Safety.

This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and the University Of Rochester Department Of Public Safety.

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

“Courtney Barber completely violated a student as he sexually assaulted her,” said Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher. “I want to acknowledge the strength of the victim for testifying against Courtney Barber in court. I want to also thank the good Samaritans who prevented this assault from becoming even worse. It is the bystanders who were responsible for identifying Courtney Barber, making it easier for the University of Rochester Department Of Public Safety to apprehend him.”

“Courtney Barber is a sexual offender who preyed on a young woman,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “I greatly admire that this survivor was able to speak out against her assailant. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and the University Of Rochester Department Of Public Safety for conducting a detailed investigation that helped to secure today's verdict. It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office that the resilience of this victim will assist her as she begins to heal from this trauma.”

Courtney Barber will be sentenced as a violent predicate felony offender on March 28, 2023, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall. He faces up to 15 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

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