

**News Release from**  
**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**Negus DeSouza Convicted of Attempted Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and  
Attempted Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- On Monday, June 25, 2018, a Monroe County Jury convicted 23-year-old Negus DeSouza of Attempted Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Attempted Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

On November 10, 2017 Negus DeSouza approached a water-line worker with a loaded rifle on 6<sup>th</sup> street in the City of Rochester. DeSouza demanded his money and the victim pulled out his legally registered firearm to defend himself. A gunfight ensued where both DeSouza and the victim fired multiple rounds at each other. DeSouza was shot in the leg and fled from the scene. Officers responded to the scene where they located a .22 caliber rifle nearby. DeSouza was transported to the hospital by a third party where he was identified by the victim and taken into custody.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, of the Major Felony Bureau.

“The defendant put the victim through a traumatic and violent experience when he was simply trying to do his job” said Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, “I want to commend the victim, whose powerful testimony and willingness to work with law enforcement led to the apprehension of Negus DeSouza to ensure he is no longer a threat to the community. Thank you to the Rochester Police Department for their hard work and thorough investigation.”

Negus DeSouza will be sentenced on August 14, 2018, in front of County Court Judge Randall.

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