

**News Release from
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**Derrick Peace Sentenced to 48 Years for the Attempted Murder of Two
Victims**

Rochester, NY- Friday, October 8, 2021, Monroe County Judge Douglas Randall sentenced 40-year-old Derrick Peace to a total of 48 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 10 years of post-release supervision. This sentence comes after a jury convicted Derrick Peace of two counts of Attempted Murder, Assault 1st, Assault 2nd and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for shooting two women.

On August 3, 2020, Derrick Peace approached two women who were sitting on a front porch in the City of Rochester. The defendant shot both women multiple times at close range with the intention to kill both victims. There were children inside the home during the time of the shooting during daylight hours. Both women were rushed to Strong Memorial Hospital where they experienced a lengthy recovery.

The Rochester Police Department led a detailed and diligent investigation into this shooting. With excellent work from the investigative team and critical information from the community, the Rochester Police Department arrested Derrick Peace for the attempted murders eight days later. Both victims are doing well today, but suffer physical and emotional effects from this traumatic shooting.

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

“At the time of sentencing, Derrick Peace showed no remorse and took no responsibility for his actions,” said Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst. “Derrick Peace attempted to kill two women while putting the lives of many, including children, at risk. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department, because of this strong investigation, Derrick Peace will no longer be a threat to our community.”

“Today’s sentence proves how important community involvement is for some of our most violent cases,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Without witnesses and help from members of the community, Derrick Peace may still be out of custody and the two victims would be fearing for their lives. Derrick Peace put an entire community and young children in harm’s way. Thank you to the Rochester Police Department and everyone involved in this case who helped secure justice today.”

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