

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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**Eliezar Ortiz Sentenced to 23 Years in the New York State Department of
Corrections for three counts of Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree**

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, June 18, 2025, Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger sentenced 28-year-old Eliezar Ortiz to a total of 23 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. Eliezar Ortiz was previously convicted by a jury of three counts of Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Assault in the 1st Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the shooting of Ricardo Lewis and Elaine Lewis on May 1, 2024. The defendant was sentenced to 23 years in the New York state Department of Corrections for each count of Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree and each count of Assault in the 1st Degree in addition to 15 years for both counts Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, all to run concurrent.

On May 1, 2024, Greece Police Officers responded to a report of a female shot on Britton Road in the Town of Greece. Upon arrival, it was determined that there were two gunshot victims, a male and female, 36-year-old Elaine Lewis had been struck in the chest and abdomen and 39-year-old Ricardo Lewis was struck in the buttocks.

After a thorough investigation by the Greece Police Department, with the assistance of the Rochester Police Department, it was determined that the victims' son had a verbal argument during gym class at school with another student over a game of basketball. A second physical altercation between the two students took place after school that same day at a bus stop. Later that afternoon, in an act of retaliation, the student, accompanied by Eliezar Ortiz, arrived at the victims' residence.

Eliezar Ortiz then fired multiple shots into the second floor of the home, striking Ricardo and Elaine Lewis. Upon arrival of police and EMS, the victims were quickly transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where they each underwent multiple extensive surgeries to save their lives. While both survived the brutal attack, tragically, their unborn child did not survive the injuries sustained by Elaine in the shooting. On June 26, 2024, Eliezar Ortiz was arrested for the shooting.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm and Special Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler both of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

“Both Ricardo and Elaine Lewis will carry the trauma of Eliezar Ortiz’s actions for the rest of their lives,” said Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm. “What should have been a joyful and hopeful time for Elaine was instead turned into a nightmare by the catastrophic loss of their unborn child. “I want to give a special thanks to the Greece Police Department as well as the Rochester Police Department for their thorough investigation. Through the dedicated efforts of all involved, we were able get a conviction and sentence for the victims in the wake of their tragic loss.”

“Last summer, Eliezar Ortiz made a deliberate and cowardly attack on a 16-year-old and his family, unleashing gunfire into their home without regard for human life, including that of an unborn child,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “This was not just reckless; it was an act of sheer violence. Ortiz is a dangerous individual, and with this sentence, we hope the Lewis family can finally find peace knowing that he will spend the next two decades behind bars, far from the people he terrorized.”

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