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The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Eugene Hutchings Pleads Guilty to Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for  
Attack on Taxi Cab Driver**

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, January 16, 47-year-old Eugene Hutchings pled guilty to the indictment charging him with Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, two counts of Attempted Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

On July 18, 2017, Eugene Hutchings pulled a knife on the victim, who was driving a taxi cab, and demanded money. The victim did not have time to retrieve any money before the defendant reached toward the front seat, stabbing him multiple times in the face and neck. After a swift investigation, RPD was able to apprehend and arrest Eugene Hutchings. Hutchings will serve 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections and 5 years of post-release supervision.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Monica O'Brien, Chief of the Elder Abuse Bureau.

"This admission is the result of the thorough investigation conducted by the Rochester Police Department as well as critical information received from the victim," said Assistant District Attorney Monica O'Brien. "Nobody in this community deserves to fear for their life when they go to work any given day. Eugene Hutchings is no longer a threat to our community and will spend the next 25 years behind bars for his brutal actions that could have taken a life. It is our hope that with his admission of guilt, the victim can continue to heal and feel safe in his day-to-day life."

Eugene Hutchings will be sentenced on February 15, 2018, in front of County Court Judge Argento.

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