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Donkavius Howard Convicted of Burglary in the 1st Degree and Assault in the 2nd Degree after Attacking his Estranged Wife and Rochester Police Officer

Rochester, NY- Thursday, November 29, 2018, a Monroe County Jury convicted 28-year-old Donkavius Howard of all charges, including Burglary in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree, Aggravated Criminal Contempt, and Resisting Arrest for an attack against his wife and a Rochester Police Officer.

On the morning of July 21, 2018, Donkavius Howard broke into the home of his estranged wife in the City of Rochester. After brutally attacking her, Howard encountered a Rochester Police Officer who was responding to the 911 calls at the home. Howard assaulted the Officer before he was detained by other responding officers. He faces up to 32 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

“We owe today’s conviction to the quick response of the Rochester Police Department as well as the courage of the witnesses who testified at the trial,” said Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers. “Donkavius Howard is a violent individual who acted without regard for his family or the law. Hopefully today’s verdict will bring a sense of security and closure to the victim and her family.”

“Today’s conviction is further proof that Monroe County will not tolerate any type of domestic violence in our community,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Although we continue to spread awareness of the horrors of domestic violence, we still see terrible cases every day. I urge anyone who feels trapped in a domestic violence situation to please reach out to authorities or to the Willow Domestic Violence Center, it could mean the difference in someone’s life.”

Donkavius Howard will be sentenced on January 14, 2019, by State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

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