

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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**Jamal Dima Pleads Guilty to Attempted Aggravated Assault Upon a Police
Officer for the Stabbing of Rochester Police Officer Brian Cala**

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 21-year-old Jamal Dima pled guilty to Attempted Aggravated Assault Upon a Police Officer after stabbing Rochester Police Officer Brian Cala in the face.

On January 26, 2020, Rochester Police Officer Brian Cala and his partner responded for multiple 911 calls to a residence on Glendale Park in the City of Rochester. Once arriving at the residence, Jamal Dima barged out of the door with a knife and stabbed Officer Cala in the face one time, puncturing his sinus cavity. After stabbing Officer Cala, Mr. Dima was shot in the wrist, fled and was detained and arrested by Rochester Police Officers.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

“I want to thank Officer Cala and the members of the Rochester Police Department who risk their lives every day for this community,” said Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan. “With a disposition that was supported by Officer Cala, he can continue to heal and serve our community.”

“Jamal Dima put Officer Cala’s life at risk and was a threat to his community on January 26, 2020,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Mr. Dima had no regard for Officer Cala or the residents of the City of Rochester when his actions led the police in a foot chase that resulted in his arrest. We are pleased that Mr. Dima is taking responsibility for his actions and that Officer Cala can find justice and peace with the conclusion of this case.”

Jamal Dima will be sentenced on November 14, 2020, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Karen Bailey Turner.

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