

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Johnkiomi Ruiz Sentenced to 30 Years for Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- Monday, April 14, 2025, New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller sentenced 33-year-old Johnkiomi Ruiz to 30 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. He was previously convicted by a jury of Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for shooting a man on June 20, 2023.

On June 20, 2023, Rochester Police Officers responded to a report of a person shot on Lake Avenue near Ravine Avenue in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, a 24-year-old man was found with a gunshot wound in the back. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he needed life-saving surgery.

After a thorough investigation by the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, which includes Rochester Police Investigators, Monroe County District Attorney Investigators, and Assistant District Attorneys, it was determined that Johnkiomi Ruiz targeted the victim and shot him in the back as the victim attempted to run away.

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

"Thank you to the victim of this violent shooting for working with law enforcement to ensure that Johnkiomi Ruiz will no longer be a risk to our community over the next three decades," said Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst. "Johnkiomi Ruiz chose to hunt the victim down as he attempted to flee, shooting him in the back. The survivor in this case not only faced a near-death experience, but also has lifelong wounds to remind him of this trauma. Today's sentence is the direct result of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce and its efforts to work with victims and witnesses in the community. The detailed and thorough investigation led to today's successful sentence of Johnkiomi Ruiz."

"On that night in June, Johnkiomi Ruiz intentionally shot a young man over a dispute, risking the lives of everyone who was outside that evening, including children," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Today's sentence is proof of the impact of the Non-Fatal Shooting Initiative. This taskforce helps to foster relationships with victims and witnesses, which is necessary to prosecute these important cases and hold these violent offenders accountable. It is my hope that we continue to see victim and witness cooperation to make our community a safer place, and ensure that dangerous individuals such as Johnkiomi Ruiz can no longer promote gun violence."

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