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Kashbi Sanders Pleads Guilty to Attempted Robbery in the 1st Degree

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, May 31, 2022, 29-year-old Kashbi Sanders pled guilty to Attempted Robbery in the First Degree after attempting to rob the People's Choice Kitchen on Brooks Avenue with a gun. Kashbi Sanders faces 8 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

On December 23, 2019, Kashbi Sanders entered the popular restaurant on Brooks Avenue in the City of Rochester. The defendant was armed with a gun and attempted to grab the restaurant owner's purse from her. A restaurant employee intervened and helped fend off the defendant by restraining him and removing the weapon from him. The Rochester Police Department responded and performed a full investigation where they collected forensic evidence from the scene, which resulted in bringing the defendant to justice.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

"This was an attempted robbery of a beloved local restaurant owner in the heart of the City of Rochester, and I want to commend the actions of the restaurant owner and employee. In the midst of this traumatic event, the restaurant owner was able to seek assistance from the Rochester Police Department while one of the employees fended off the defendant," said Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark. "Thank you to the Rochester Police Department and everyone involved in this case who helped secure justice today."

"Kashbi Sanders attacked the community at its core when he chose to rob the People's Choice Kitchen that evening," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "This restaurant owner has spent her life serving the community of Rochester, including at the time of the robbery, when she was serving a plate of food to someone in need. The behavior of the defendant has no place in our City and it is our hope that she feels a sense of justice with today's plea."

Kashbi Sanders will be sentenced on August 29, 2022, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Thomas Moran.

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