

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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Joshua Mencil Convicted of Kidnapping in the First Degree

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, April 19, 2017, a Monroe County Jury convicted 30-year-old Joshua Mencil of two counts of Kidnapping in the First Degree, one count of Coercion in the First Degree, one count of Unlawful Imprisonment in the First Degree and one count of Assault in the Third Degree for his role in a Summer 2016 abduction. Mencil faces a potential life sentence in the New York State Department of Corrections.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Eleanor Biggers and Monica O'Brien, both of the Special Victims Trial Division.

"Today's verdict is the result of a lengthy and dedicated investigation by the Rochester Police Department, the District Attorney's Office, and in particular, the work of late Investigator Nolan Wengert, Investigators James Castillo and Ryan Beyea," said Senior Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers.

Joshua Mencil will be sentenced on May 31, 2017, by Supreme Court Justice Alex R. Renzi. His co-defendant, Jillianne Mencil's trial is scheduled to begin on May 1, 2017.

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