

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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**Ernestiaze Moore Pleads Guilty to Attempted Murder for Shooting at
Rochester Police Officer Kelly Phillips**

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, July 18, 17-year-old Ernestiaze Moore pled guilty to Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, the top charge, for shooting at Rochester Police Officer Kelly Phillips. On February 26, 2017, Officer Kelly Phillips, a 16-year veteran of RPD, responded to calls of multiple shots fired in the City of Rochester. Once Officer Phillips spotted Ernestiaze Moore, he took aim at Officer Phillips with a .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun and fired a shot at from ten feet away. Officer Phillips was not struck. After the shooting, Moore fled and was quickly apprehended by the Rochester Police Department. Moore will serve 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections with 5 years of post-release supervision.

The case was prosecuted by Perry Duckles, First Assistant District Attorney.

“The Rochester Police Department nearly lost a dedicated officer when Ernestiaze Moore made the decision to fire his illegal handgun,” said Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles. “The Monroe County District Attorney’s Office will never tolerate this type of violence in our community, especially against our dedicated members of law enforcement. The swift actions of the Rochester Police Department have ensured that Moore is no longer a threat to this City. It is our hope that today’s admission will deter future violence against our community and against the police officers who put their lives on the line to protect us each and every day.”

“We are very grateful that neither Officer Phillips nor any other member of the community was injured by this egregious act,” said Rochester Chief of Police Michael L. Ciminelli. “We are also want to thank the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office for achieving a just resolution in this case.”

Ernestiaze Moore will be sentenced on September 12, 2017, in front of County Court Judge Dinolfo.

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