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**In the First Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce Trial, Qwandah Tucker Convicted
of Assault in the 1st Degree**

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, August 8, 2024, 24-year-old Qwandah Tucker was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Assault in the 1st Degree for orchestrating the shooting of a man on June 27, 2023. This is the first case from the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce that made it to trial.

On June 27, 2023, Rochester Police Officers responded to an apartment complex on Arborwood Crescent in the City of Rochester for reports of a man shot. The 26-year-male victim who was shot in the back transported himself to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he recovered from his gunshot wounds.

After a thorough investigation conducted by the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, which consists of Rochester Police Officers, Assistant District Attorneys and Investigators from the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, and members of the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center, it was determined that Qwandah Tucker coordinated the assault and planned the shooting.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce and Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

"I want to start by thanking the victim in this case, who faced a horrific assault, but still cooperated with investigators in order to remove a violent person from our community," said Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst. "Thankfully, the victim survived his injuries but will live with the trauma and physical effects for the rest of his life. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and the fellow members of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce for the detailed investigation that led to the apprehension of Qwandah Tucker and everyone who cooperated with the prosecution, each person helped make our community safer."

"The concept of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce was created with the idea that these shooting cases needed to be taken as seriously as homicide cases right from the crime scene," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "This is the first Non-Fatal Shooting case that went to trial, and I am proud of Adam and the team for holding a violent offender accountable. It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office that Ms. Tucker serves a lengthy prison sentence where she can no longer promote violence in our community."

Qwandah Tucker will be sentenced on September 18, 2024, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

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