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Robert Johnson Pleads Guilty to Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree

Rochester, NY- On Friday, June 12, 2026, 45-year-old Robert Johnson pled guilty to Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree for shooting a woman multiple times with the intent to kill her.

At approximately 9:40 a.m. on May 25, 2025, Rochester Police Officers and Emergency Medical Services responded to a residence on Willow Street in the City of Rochester for a report of a woman who had been shot. Upon arrival, first responders discovered a 32-year-old woman suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where she recovered from her serious injuries.

Following a swift and thorough investigation, Rochester Police Department detectives determined that the victim's ex-boyfriend and the father of her child, Robert Johnson, deliberately targeted the victim. Their child was also inside the residence at the time of the shooting. Robert Johnson was subsequently arrested and charged in connection with this domestic violence attack.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Senior Assistant District Attorney Courtney Kleiman, of the Special Victims Unit.

"This defendant carried out a calculated and horrific act of domestic violence that very nearly ended a woman's life and forever changed the lives of everyone involved," said Assistant District Attorney Courtney Kleiman. "The victim had already taken the difficult step of leaving an abusive relationship in an effort to protect herself and her family, yet she was still targeted with unimaginable violence. Despite suffering serious injuries, she survived and continues to live with the trauma caused by the defendant's actions. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department, EMS personnel, and medical professionals whose efforts helped save her life. Today's guilty plea ensures that Robert Johnson will be held accountable for the fear, pain, and lasting harm he inflicted."

“Domestic violence can escalate with devastating and life-threatening consequences, as this case so tragically demonstrates,” said Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green. “I commend the Rochester Police Department, ADA Patrick Gallagher, and ADA Courtney Kleiman for their dedication to securing accountability for this violent offender. If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, I urge you to reach out to law enforcement or the Willow Domestic Violence Center at (585) 222-SAFE (7233).”

Robert Johnson will be sentenced on August 14, 2026, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Julie Hahn. He is expected to be sentenced to a determinate sentence between 17-19 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision.

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