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Verniel Wilson Found Guilty of Robbery in the 1st Degree

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County jury found Verniel Wilson, 26, guilty of Robbery in the 1st Degree, Robbery in the 2nd Degree, and Attempted Robbery in the 2nd Degree for his involvement in the robbery of three individuals on February 13, 2013. On that date at approximately 7:30pm, Wilson approached a man waiting at a bus stop at the corner of Dewey Avenue and Driving Park and produced a gun before fleeing with the victim's wallet and cell phone. Following this incident, Wilson immediately initiated the robbery of two other individuals less than a block away but was forced to abandon that larceny when authorities, who were responding to the initial robbery at the bus stop minutes earlier, closed in. Wilson was apprehended approximately 30 minutes later by officers of the Rochester Police Department.

Wilson's trial began Monday and lasted five days. Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher prosecuted the case for the People.

"A great deal of credit for this outcome goes to the RPD officers who made the initial arrest," said Gallagher. "They recognized the defendant on the street from witness descriptions despite his having changed clothes to avoid being recognized. It was a great example of skilled police work that helped take a dangerous criminal off the streets."

Wilson will face a maximum of 25 years in prison in addition to 7 years for his conviction on Attempted Robbery when he returns for sentencing before Judge Douglas Randall on November 1st.

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