

**News Release from**  
**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**Vernon Cleveland Jr. Convicted of Kidnapping in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- Friday, February 3, 2017 a Monroe County Jury convicted 26 year old Vernon Cleveland Jr. of Kidnapping in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and two counts of Robbery in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. On March 25, 2016 Cleveland robbed a restaurant delivery driver at gunpoint, then forced the victim into the trunk of the victim's car where he was held for almost 30 minutes before escaping.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Pat Gallagher of the Major Felony Bureau.

“What happened in this case illustrates the real dangers faced by people every day as they go about their jobs. Friday's verdict shows that this community will not tolerate violence in our neighborhoods,” said Assistant District Attorney Pat Gallagher. “We credit this verdict to the outstanding police work done by the Rochester Police Department, with assistance from the FBI's CAST team.”

Vernon Cleveland Jr. will be sentenced on April 4, 2017 in County Court by Judge Douglas Randall.

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