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**Elliot Rivera Pled Guilty to 2 counts of Kidnapping in the Second Degree for
His Role in the University of Rochester Student Abduction Case**

Rochester, NY- Today, 20 year old Elliot Rivera pled guilty to 2 counts of Kidnapping in the Second Degree for his role in the December 5, 2015 abduction of two University of Rochester students. As a part of today's agreement, Rivera will be sentenced to 35 years in New York State Prison with an additional 5 years post release supervision.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and Senior Assistant District Christine Callanan of the Major Felony Bureau.

"The fourth out of nine defendants involved in the horrific events that occurred the weekend of December 5, 2015, pled guilty today. As a result of his actions, Elliot Rivera will spend the better part of his life behind bars," said Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz. "This disposition is a reflection of the overwhelming evidence we will present during the trial of the remaining defendants."

Elliott Rivera will be sentenced by Supreme Court Justice Alex R. Renzi on November 23, 2016.

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