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Justin Sewel Convicted of Robbery in the First Degree, Criminal Use of a Firearm in the First Degree and Two Counts of Criminal Possession Weapon in the Second Degree

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Jury found 29 year old Justin Sewel guilty of Robbery in the First Degree, Criminal Use of a Firearm in the First Degree and 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree. On October 28, 2015, Justin Sewel and his codefendant Connor Palumbos lured Tiffany Johnson to 310 Selye Terrace where they robbed her at gunpoint and stole her vehicle.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Michael Bezer of the Major Felony Bureau.

"Justin Sewel has demonstrated he is not fit to be a member of this community. His past behavior and his actions on the night of October 28, 2015 will ensure he spends a good portion of his adult life in prison where he will no longer be a danger to others," said Senior Assistant District Attorney Michael Bezer.

Justin Sewel faces sentencing as a persistent violent felony offender and as such will be sentenced to a minimum of 20 years to life and a maximum of 25 years to life. Sewel will be sentenced on December 15, 2016 by Acting Supreme Court Justice Daniel Barrett.