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**Leah Gigliotti Pleads Guilty to Kidnapping in the Second Degree in University  
of Rochester Kidnapping Case**

Rochester, NY- Today, 21 year old Leah Gigliotti pled guilty to Kidnapping in the Second Degree for her role in the abduction of two University of Rochester students. In court today, Gigliotti admitted that early in the morning of December 5, 2015, she drove to meet two University of Rochester students with the promise of taking them to a party off campus. The two victims were driven to 22 Harvest Street in the City of Rochester. The victims were misled, thinking they were going to party when, in reality, they were being taken to that location to be held against their will and assaulted.

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

"Leah Gigliotti enticed two innocent college students with the promise of a fun night at an off campus party, knowing full well they would arrive to a group of individuals whose intention was to hold them against their will and assault them causing them physical and emotional harm," said Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz. "As a result, Ms. Gigliotti is going to spend a significant amount of time in state prison."

Leah Gigliotti will be sentenced by Supreme Court Justice Alex R. Renzi on November 23, 2016 at 9:30am. As a part of the plea agreement, Gigliotti will spend 13 years in state prison with 5 years post release supervision. In addition, she waived her right to an appeal.

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