

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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**Andrew Fletcher Convicted of Two Counts of Assault in the First Degree for a
Vicious Attack on His Child's Mother**

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Court Jury convicted 25 year old Andrew Fletcher of two counts of Assault in the First Degree for slashing 24 year old Desiree Weissinger with intent to disfigure seriously and permanently. At approximately 11:00 pm on October 11, 2015, Fletcher arrived at the victim's home in the Town of Greece to visit his daughter. Shortly after he arrived, he attacked his child's mother, Desiree Weissinger with a box cutter, slashing her face 5 times. The victim's sisters called 911 and the defendant fled the scene. The victim was taken to Strong Memorial Hospital where she underwent extensive plastic surgery, including over 300 stitches to her face. Andrew Fletcher was later arrested on February 3, 2016 by police in Elba, Alabama and returned to Monroe County to stand trial.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney William Gargan, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

"With this verdict, we are grateful to Officers C. Andrew Moesch and Andrew Elmore of the Greece Police Department for their quick thinking at a very chaotic scene. They not only ensured the victim received immediate medical attention, they gathered the necessary information from witnesses to assist our office with the successful prosecution of this case," said Assistant District Attorney William Gargan. "It is our hope that with this verdict and the support of her wonderful family, Desiree Weissinger will continue the healing process and know that justice has been achieved."

Andrew Fletcher will be sentenced on December 16, 2016 by Acting County Court Judge Melchor E. Castro. Mr. Fletcher will be sentenced as a Violent Predicate Felon and as a result faces a sentence of a minimum of 10 years and a maximum of 25 years in the NYS Department of Corrections with an additional 5 years of post-release supervision.

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