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Ayotunji Akinlawon Convicted of Robbery in the 1st Degree

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, a Monroe County jury convicted Ayotunji Akinlawon, 17, of Robbery in the First Degree for the gunpoint robbery of Anthony Washington and Felicia Griffin on August 10, 2012. On that date, Akinlawon lured the victims to a house located at 261 Warwick Avenue in the City of Rochester after promising to purchase several consumer electronics items from the pair which they had advertised on Craigslist. Once inside the house, however, the defendant produced a handgun and robbed the victims, taking several items including Anthony's wallet. Though Akinlawon was not arrested immediately following the incident, Anthony spotted the defendant several weeks later at an area nightclub, leading to his arrest.

Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Hyatt, who prosecuted Akinlawon during the 7 day trial, expressed satisfaction with the outcome and hoped that the victims found some solace in the jury's verdict.

"Though only 16 at the time of these crimes, Ayotunji Akinlawon is a dangerous predator who would have undoubtedly victimized others had he not been stopped," said Hyatt. "No one in our community should have to endure an experience like this, and I hope that this verdict provides closure and some measure of satisfaction to Anthony and Felicia."

Akinlawon will face 5 to 25 years in prison when he is sentenced on September 12th. In addition to his most recent conviction, Akinlawon faces multiple counts of Assault in the Second Degree for attacking two Monroe County Jail Deputies in June while awaiting trial.

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