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**Douglas Irish Pleads Guilty to Killing Wife**

Rochester, NY- Today, District Attorney Sandra Doorley announced that Douglas Irish, 57, has pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for the September 30, 2011 slaying of his wife, Patricia Irish, in the couple's Perinton home. On that date, Irish killed his wife, then attempted to take his own life. He was discovered alive inside the house by Monroe County Sheriffs Deputies after neighbors called 911. The surviving family members of Patricia Irish, who have custody of the victim's three children, were consulted regarding the plea and fully support today's outcome.

Caroline Morrison of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office prosecuted the case for the People.

"As a result of today's plea, Mr. Irish has taken responsibility for his actions and will receive a sentence commensurate with the maximum sentence he would have received had the jury found him guilty of the same charge at trial," said Morrison. "Most importantly, it spares the children of the victim from having to return to Rochester to testify, something that would have been terribly traumatic for them to endure."

Irish will appear on April 22<sup>nd</sup> before Judge Doyle for sentencing, where he will receive 25 years in prison. As a condition of his plea, he has waived his right to appeal.

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