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Robert Wilson Sentenced to 15 Years for Forcible Rape in the First Degree

Rochester, NY- Today, Supreme Court Justice Alex R. Renzi sentenced Robert Wilson to 15 years in state prison and 15 years post release supervision for the Rape in the First Degree, Attempted Strangulation in the Second Degree, and Rape in the Third Degree. During the early morning hours of February 23, 2015, Robert Wilson accompanied a fellow resident of Sanctuary Village homeless shelter in the City of Rochester on a walk. On Oregon Street near the Rochester Amtrak station, Wilson led the woman into a snowy field where he then attacked her, pushing her to the ground, and then placing his hands around her neck in an attempt to strangle her. When he believed she had passed out, he raped her. She pretended to be unconscious because she was afraid he would actually choke her out if he continued, leaving her unconscious in the -7 degree weather. When he finished raping her, he carried her out of the field to nearby Ormond Street where the victim saw a City of Rochester snowplow. She ran to the snowplow and got help from the driver of the plow who assisted the victim and contacted the Rochester Police Department. Wilson was able to get away that evening but was arrested two days later.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Leslie Schildt of the Special Victims Trial Division.

“This was an incredibly traumatic ordeal for the victim. The jury’s verdict is a tribute to her courage in seeing this through to the end, and we hope that this sentence will give her closure and allow her to recover in peace,” said Assistant District Attorney Leslie Schildt.

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