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Kelvin Hunt Pleads Guilty to Kidnapping in the 2nd Degree

Rochester, NY- On Friday, September 13, 2024, 48-year-old Kelvin Hunt pled guilty to Kidnapping in the 2nd Degree, for the abduction of a child. He will be sentenced to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision.

On February 1, 2024, Kelvin Hunt, a registered sex offender, entered a home and forcibly kidnapped a 14-year-old girl. Kelvin Hunt specifically targeted this house and this victim. He took her to another location at gunpoint, against her will.

The 14-year-old was released by the kidnapper and called the police. Rochester Police Officers, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and the United States Marshals Service searched the community for Kelvin Hunt, who led police on two separate vehicular pursuits. He was located at the Gates Hotel on February 5, 2024, and arrested for the kidnapping of this teenage victim.

This case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Janna Jehlen, of the Special Victims Unit.

“Kelvin Hunt identified his victim and planned to kidnap her,” said Assistant District Attorney Janna Jehlen. “The only way to describe the teenager in this case is, a survivor. She went through unspeakable trauma at the hands of Kelvin Hunt and came forward to identify her assailant. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department, the FBI, and the United States Marshals for not resting until this sex offender was apprehended and behind bars. I truly hope that today’s plea brings this young survivor one step closer on her journey towards healing.”

“This defendant is a violent and despicable sex offender who is should not be permitted to reside within our community,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “I would like to commend the strength of this 14-year-old for not only reporting her assault and kidnapping, but also for protecting any future victims from a similar fate. I hope that Kelvin Hunt spends every day over the next 25 years contemplating his actions and trauma that he caused this child and her family.”

Kelvin Hunt is scheduled to be sentenced to on December 6, 2024 in front of County Court Judge Healy.

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