

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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Eric N. Reynolds Sentenced to 11 Years for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the First Degree After Setting off Explosives in the City of Rochester.

Rochester, NY- On March 4, 2019, 54 year-old Eric Neil Reynolds was sentenced to 11 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 1st Degree after he entered a plea November 29, 2018 for events that occurred at 401 Ridgeway Avenue. Mr. Reynolds was also sentenced to 7 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for possessing three assault weapons at his home in Webster, which a jury convicted him of on May 9, 2018.

On May 15, 2017, the strong odor of gasoline was emanating from the area of Eric Reynolds' condemned rental property at 401 Ridgeway Avenue. The Rochester Fire Department arrived on scene, followed by the Rochester Police Department's Bomb Squad and the Arson Task Force. While conducting a search of the building, four devices were located, removed and rendered safe. Additionally, they discovered evidence of two separate explosions inside the building.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Bianca Stella D'Angelo.

"I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and Fire Department, as well as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their exhaustive work in this case," said Assistant District Attorney Bianca Stella D'Angelo. "Rochester Police Department Investigator James May, along with all of the first responders, including RFD's firefighters and the RPD's Bomb Squad, ensured that Reynold's calculated and selfish acts didn't turn into a devastating tragedy."

"Eric Reynolds risked the lives of countless members of this community when he chose to line his property with explosive devices," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Thanks to the hard work and collaborative investigation of all of our law enforcement partners, Mr. Reynolds will be spending years thinking about his actions in the New York State Department of Corrections. The Monroe County District Attorney's Office will not tolerate these types of threats and menacing toward our community."

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