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**Parolee Justin Jones Sentenced to 16 Years to Life for Gun Charges**

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, October 11, 36-year-old Justin Jones was sentenced to 16 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections by New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano. Justin Jones was convicted by Justice Schiano of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree following a bench trial.

Justin Jones was arrested by Rochester Police Officers for the possession of an illegal, loaded firearm on April 29, 2020. Jones was on parole at the time of the offense, making this conviction his third violent felony offense. Because of his history, Jones was sentenced as a Persistent Violent Felony Offender and is being sent back to the New York State Department of Corrections for the third time.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

“This sentence is appropriate considering Justin Jones, who was on parole, was actively promoting violence in our community,” said Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman. “I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their investigation that led to Mr. Jones’ arrest and the conviction of a repeat violent offender who continued to pose a danger to other people.”

“With dangerously high numbers of gun crimes, we will continue to hold these violent offenders accountable,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Justin Jones had multiple opportunities to better himself and stay out of the criminal justice system. Instead, he is heading back to the New York State Department of Corrections for the third time for continuing to be a part of the ongoing violence in our community.”

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