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**Orlando Velazquez Sentenced to 20 Years to Life for Armed Robbery**

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 32-year-old Orlando Velazquez was sentenced as a Persistent Violent Felony Offender by New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento to 20 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. Following a bench trial, Orlando Velazquez was previously convicted by Justice Argento of Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for the armed robbery of a delivery driver.

On September 5, 2022, at approximately 9:45AM, Orlando Velazquez robbed a delivery driver on Monroe Avenue, and threatened the victim with a knife during the commission of the robbery. The Rochester Police Department immediately responded to the call for assistance, and apprehended Orlando Velazquez moments later, in possession of the knife and stolen property. Based on his extensive criminal history, he was sentenced as a Persistent Violent Felony Offender.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Gregory Clark, of the Major Felony Bureau.

“Instead of turning his life around, Orlando Velazquez chose to threaten the life of an innocent delivery man, before robbing the victim,” said Assistant District Attorney Gregory Clark. “The victim was doing his job as a productive member of society, and now must live with the trauma of this violent crime. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their swift response that led to the apprehension of Orlando Velazquez.”

“Nobody should have to live in fear, especially when they are out doing their job,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Orlando Velazquez made the choice to commit an armed robbery in broad daylight, without regard for public safety. As a Persistent Violent Felony Offender, we are pleased that Orlando Velazquez will serve a lengthy prison sentence where he can no longer promote violence in our community.”

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