

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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**Rashad Muhammad Sentenced to 20 Years - Life for Predatory Sexual
Assault Against a Child and Rape in the 2nd Degree**

Rochester, NY- Friday, April 13, County Court Judge Sam L. Valleriani sentenced 30-year-old Rashad Muhammad to 20 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections after being convicted by a Monroe County Jury of two counts of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child and Rape in the 2nd Degree for the ongoing sexual abuse of a child under thirteen years old. The abuse occurred in the City of Rochester from 2012-2016.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck, Chief of the Child Abuse Bureau.

“It is critical that our community protects and fights for our most vulnerable population, our children,” said Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck. “Rashad Muhammad is a horrific predator and our community is safer with him behind bars. Today’s sentence is a tribute to the bravery of the young victim who went through an extremely traumatic experience. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department, Bivona Child Advocacy Center and Strong Memorial Hospital for the thorough investigation which ultimately led to the apprehension of Muhammad. It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office that the victim can continue to heal from the horrendous abuse now that the defendant is no longer a threat.”

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