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**Lydell Strickland Sentenced to 155 Years for the Kidnapping of Two
University of Rochester Students**

Rochester, NY- Yesterday, Supreme Court Justice Alex R. Renzi sentenced four defendants who in total were convicted of thirty-five separate charges for the December 5, 2016 kidnapping of two University of Rochester students. Twenty seven year old Lydell Strickland was sentenced to a total of 155 years to life for his role in the kidnapping and acts that occurred during the students' confinement on Harvest Street in the City of Rochester. On November 21, 2016, Strickland was convicted of 28 counts, including Kidnapping in the First Degree, Assault in the First Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, Gang Assault in the First Degree, five counts of Robbery in the First Degree, three counts of Robbery in the Second Degree, seven counts of Predatory Sexual Assault, Criminal Sexual Act in the First Degree, Aggravated Sex Abuse in the First Degree, Criminal Use of a Firearm in the First Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree . In addition to receiving the maximum allowable sentence, he will be forced to register as a sex offender. David Alcaraz-Ubiles received a sentence of 15 years with an additional 5 years post release supervision to run consecutive to an August 2016 prior and unrelated sentence of 15 years resulting from a June 2016 jury trial conviction of Assault in the First Degree wherein he nearly disemboweled a man with a knife during an argument. Ruth M. Lora and Inalia Rolldan were both convicted of two counts of Kidnapping in the Second Degree, Criminal Use of a Firearm in the First Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree and were each sentenced to 7 years in NYS Department of Corrections and an additional 5 years post release supervision for their roles in the kidnapping. In total, the case included 9 defendants. Five of the defendants pled guilty before trial and the final four were sentenced yesterday by Justice Renzi.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Christine Callanan of the Major Felony Bureau.

“There are very few trial related events in a prosecutor's life that will remain with you forever; listening to the testimony of the two victims in this case will forever be a part of my career trial

memory. And, I am sure the horrors the victims experienced will stay with them the rest of their lives. It is our hope that the sentence handed down to Lydell Strickland and his co-defendants will begin their healing process and afford them some comfort knowing they will never fear seeing Lydell Strickland on the street anywhere in this world for the remainder of their lives,” said Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz.

“As we conclude this case with the sentencing of the final four defendants we know that justice was served and feel comforted that our citizens and law enforcement in Monroe County have spoken loud and clear; violence of this nature will never be tolerated. We credit this verdict to the outstanding police work and the collaborative efforts of the University of Rochester Public Safety Officers and the Rochester Police Department. As the Judge stated at sentencing, we are confident the efforts of law enforcement saved the lives of these two innocent victims,” said Assistant District Attorney Christine Callanan.

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