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Trellis Presley Found Guilty of 1st Degree Rape

Rochester, NY- Today, District Attorney Sandra Doorley announced that Trellis Presley, 43, has been found Guilty by a Monroe County Jury of the March 18, 2012, forcible rape of a woman in Presley's Melville Street home in Rochester. Presley, who had met the victim the day before the incident, invited her to his home to visit when the attack occurred. When the victim's friend arrived at the house a short time later to pick her up as planned, the victim freed herself and ran to her friend's waiting vehicle, where she immediately called police. Presley subsequently fled the home but was apprehended 3 days later following an extensive search by the Rochester Police Department.

Presley's conviction of Rape in the First Degree is one of dozens of recent successes by the District Attorneys Office's newly formed Special Victim's Trial Division, an amalgamation of four specialized bureaus designed to allow prosecutors to work collaboratively on cases involving domestic violence, sex crimes, child abuse, and elder abuse. Andra Ackerman, Deputy Chief of the Division, prosecuted the case for the People.

"Trellis Presley's conviction is a victory for this community, but the victim of this horrendous crime deserves a great deal of credit for her composure and courage," said Ackerman. "Sadly, many violent rapes go unreported, leaving the perpetrator on the streets to rape again. The victim in this case wasted no time in reporting the crime, and a violent predator who was a threat to everyone around him will now spend decades in prison."

Sentencing will occur on April 23rd at 9:30am before NYS Supreme Court Justice Francis Affronti. Presley, who has numerous prior offenses, is expected to be adjudicated a Persistent Violent Felon and will face a minimum of 20 Years to Life in prison.

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