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**Tony Perkins Convicted of Rape in the Third Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child**

Rochester, NY- Monroe County Court Jury convicted 26 year old Tony Perkins of the class E Felony Rape in the Third Degree and the class A Misdemeanor Endangering the Welfare of a Child. The jury found that between January 1, 2014 and February 28, 2014, Perkins was engaged in a sexual relationship with a 14 year old girl and provided her with alcohol and drugs. The crime occurred at several locations in the Town of Greece and the City of Rochester.

The case was successfully prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Buckley, Chief of the Sex Crimes Bureau.

"The defendant in this case preyed on the vulnerability of a runaway teenager. Thanks to the successful investigation of the Child Exploitation Task Force, involving the combined law enforcement agencies of the FBI, Homeland Security and Rochester Police Department, the victim in this matter was able to travel to Rochester from Texas to testify. We credit the victim for her courage as she assisted our office and law enforcement in the successful prosecution of the defendant,” said Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Buckley. “We would also like to acknowledge the efforts of the men and women of Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.) in their care and concern to ensure that the child victim who testified in this case was never alone in her time in the courtroom.”

Tony Perkins will be sentenced on July 20, 2016 by County Court Judge Christopher Ciaccio. The defendant faces a maximum sentence of four years in the Department of Corrections and will be on the New York State Sex Offender Registry.