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Brandon Henderson Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison

Rochester, NY- Today, Judge Douglas Randall sentenced 19 year old Brandon Henderson to 10 years in prison for his role in the March 23rd stabbing of Paul Luft Jr., then 16, at a party at 19 Alpine Drive in Penfield. On that date, Henderson and three friends arrived uninvited to the party and became involved in a confrontation with Luft, an invited guest, outside of the home. During the course of that confrontation, Henderson produced a knife and seriously cut Loft across his abdomen, resulting in life threatening injuries. Henderson then fled the scene. Authorities located Henderson approximately 5 hours later in Wayne County with one of the friends that accompanied him during the assault.

Faced with trial, Henderson plead Guilty to the sole count of Assault in the First Degree, which carries a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison. Jennifer Hyatt of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office Major Felony Bureau prosecuted the case for the People.

“Brandon Henderson's actions the night of March 23rd very nearly cost a sixteen year old his life,” said Hyatt. “I'm hoping that this result will not only allow Mr. Luft to continue with his recovery but will serve in some way to alter the defendant's violent trajectory in a positive way.”

Henderson has remained in the custody of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office since his arrest. He will begin serving his sentence immediately.

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