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**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**David Cotton Sentenced to Twenty Years for Burglary in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and  
Sexual Abuse in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- Friday, February 16, 2018, Acting County Court Justice Melchor Castro sentenced 45-year-old David Cotton to twenty years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus ten years of post-release supervision after a jury found him guilty of Burglary in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Sexual Abuse in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Aggravated Criminal Contempt, Criminal Contempt in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Aggravated Harassment on January 29, 2018.

On March 9, 2017, David Cotton repeatedly called the victim which resulted in a Judge issuing an order of protection. On May 20, 2017, Cotton broke into the victim's apartment, attacked her and subjected her to sexual contact by forcible compulsion, which also violated the order of protection. The victim required surgery and sustained facial fractures.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, of the Major Felony Bureau.

"David Cotton had no regard for the well-being of his victim or the law," said Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark. "He not only violated the order of protection but put the victim through a traumatic and violent experience. I want to commend the victim, whose powerful testimony and willingness to work with law enforcement led to the apprehension of David Cotton to ensure he is no longer a threat to the victim and the community. The Monroe County District Attorney's Office urges anyone who may be a victim of domestic violence to seek immediate help from law enforcement or the Willow Domestic Violence Center."

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