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Jillianne Mencel Pleads Guilty to Kidnapping in the Second Degree

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 47-year-old Jillianne Mencel pled guilty to Kidnapping in the 2nd Degree for her role in a Summer 2016 abduction. During the course of this incident, the pregnant victim was repeatedly assaulted and held captive. Jillianne Mencel, and her co-defendants Joshua Mencel and William Geer, isolated the victim in an effort to gain custody of her children. An anonymous 911 call alerted the Rochester Police Department to the home at 47 Santee Street.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Eleanor Biggers and Monica O'Brien, both of the Special Victims Trial Division.

“This plea brings an end to this bizarre and violent case,” said Senior Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers. “These results would not have been possible without the tireless work of investigators from the Rochester Police Department and the District Attorney’s Office. It is our hope that today brings some closure to the victim and her family.”

Mencel will serve 17 years in the New York State Department of Corrections with 5 years of post-release supervision. Her co-defendants were previously convicted for their roles in this incident. Both Jillianne and Joshua Mencel will be sentenced on May 31, 2017 by Supreme Court Justice Alex R. Renzi.

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