

**News Release from**  
**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**James Hunter Sentenced to 65 Years-to-Life for Attempted Aggravated Murder of a Police Officer**

Rochester, NY- On July 29, 2022, Monroe County Court Judge Michael Dollinger sentenced 55-year-old James Hunter to 65 years-to-life in the New York State Department of Corrections. This sentence comes after his jury conviction of Attempted Aggravated Murder of a Police Officer, Burglary in the First Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree for the attempted murder and shooting of Bryan Sheridan, a 15 year veteran of the Rochester Police Department.

On December 22, 2020, Officer Bryan Sheridan responded to a home located at 385 Hague Street for the report of a man breaking in a door with a gun. James Hunter was in the doorway of the enclosed porch of that home and upon seeing Officer Sheridan, shot at him four times, hitting him twice. While taking fire, Officer Sheridan fearlessly called out his location and direction of travel of the suspect despite his serious injuries. Members of the Rochester Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, and the New York State Troopers heard Officer Sheridan's call of shots fired and immediately responded. Because of this tremendous law enforcement response to the area, the defendant James Hunter was unable to escape and was found hiding under a stockade fence.

The case was prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles and Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

"James Hunter will no longer be a threat to our community," said First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles. "I hope today's sentence provides Officer Bryan Sheridan and his family some closure as he continues to heal from this brutal attack."

"Officer Bryan Sheridan put himself in the literal line of fire and will forever have a bullet lodged in his neck as a reminder of his heroism," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "An attack on our law enforcement is a direct attack on our community as we depend on those officers every day to keep our neighborhoods safe."

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