

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Ye Min Thet Austen Convicted of Rape in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Course of Sexual  
Conduct Against a Child in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- Friday, December 8, 2017, a Monroe County Jury convicted 50-year-old Ye Min Thet Austen of Rape in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for the ongoing sexual abuse of a child under thirteen years old. The abuse occurred in the City of Rochester between 2010 and 2017.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Amanda Balling.

“It is thanks to the bravery and determination of the young victim during this trial and the investigation, that Ye Min Thet Austen will be going to prison and not harming anyone else,” said Senior Assistant District Amanda Balling. “Ye Min Thet Austen is among the most dangerous of predators, as he targeted a child and inflicted long-term abuse. These types of atrocious crimes often lead to lifelong devastating effects on victims, and it is our hope that with Mr. Austen going to prison, this child can heal and begin to move on from the years of abuse.”

Ye Min Thet Austen will be sentenced on January 31, 2018, by State Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi. He can receive a minimum of five years and a maximum of twenty-five years in the New York State Department of Corrections and will be required to register as a sex offender.

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