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DEJAHN RUFFIN SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced today that DeJahn Ruffin, 39, was sentenced in Dutchess County Court to 12 years in prison on one count of Attempted Assault in the First Degree, a Class C Violent Felony. Additionally, Mr. Ruffin was sentenced to 7 years in prison on one count of Assault in the Second Degree, a Class C Violent Felony and 2 and 1/3 to 7 years on one count of Aggravated Criminal Contempt, a Class D Felony. The sentences will run concurrently and Mr. Ruffin will be subject to 5-year post release supervision. Mr. Ruffin plead guilty to these counts on April 21, 2026.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, “Intimate partner violence remains one of the most serious threats to the safety of victims in our community. This defendant not only violated an active order of protection but carried out a violent and sustained attack that could have easily resulted in death. The sentence imposed by the Court reflects the severity of these crimes and the danger posed by offenders who refuse to respect the law or the boundaries established to protect victims. My Office will continue to stand with survivors and I commend the survivor for her courage throughout this case.”

The charges stem from an incident that occurred in the early morning hours of October 20, 2025, at 23 Harrison Street, in the City of Poughkeepsie. The Defendant attempted to cause serious physical injury to a woman by stabbing her in the neck, chest, torso, left arm and right and left hands. Mr. Ruffin grabbed the woman by the hair while she was in the driver seat of her car and he was in the passenger seat and stabbed her multiple times. This caused multiple injuries and blood loss which impaired her physical condition and caused substantial pain. She was treated at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital and received sutures for her wounds. At the time of the offense, there was an active full order of protection in place and Mr. Ruffin had knowledge of its existence.

The case was investigated by the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department and was prosecuted by Unit Chief Angela LoPane. The Honorable Jessica Segal presided over the case.

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