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**JURY CONVICTS TROY MAN IN KOKOPELLIS BRAWL**

Rensselaer County District Attorney Joel E. Abelove announced today that Roshawon Donley, age 26, was convicted by a jury of Obstruction of Governmental Administration in the Second Degree, and Resisting Arrest, both class A Misdemeanors. The verdict came today following a week-long trial in Troy City Court.

The jury found that the defendant, in the early morning hours of January 25, 2014, is guilty of the above charges which stemmed from a brawl that occurred at Kokopellis, Bar located at 124 Fourth Street in Troy. Members of the Troy Police Department were responding to an assault in progress at Kokopellis, when they were met with opposition from the patrons from the bar. The defendant was arrested for his part in the mêlée, which resulted in six officers being treated at Samaritan Hospital in Troy. As a result of the conviction, Donley will be facing a maximum of one (1) year in Rensselaer County Jail. The defendant will be sentenced on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at the Troy City Courthouse before the Honorable Christopher T. Maier.

Abelove said, "I'm glad that justice has finally been done in this case. The Troy Police have endured unfair and unwarranted criticism for doing nothing more than their duty. Their brave actions have been vindicated, and this defendant has been held responsible for his lawless behavior."

Assistant District Attorney Beau Melita was the prosecutor on this case.

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Defendant: Roshawon D. Donley  
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