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District Attorney Matthew Van Houten announced today that Rishawn M. Vieweg, 35, of Lansing, was convicted by a jury yesterday afternoon of the crimes of Kidnapping in the First Degree, Assault in the Second Degree and Grand Larceny in the Third Degree. Kidnapping in the First Degree, the most serious charge, is a Class A felony which is punishable by up to 25 years to life in State Prison. The indictment charged Vieweg with abducting his victim and restraining them for more than twelve hours with the intent to accomplish or advance the commission of a felony on August 12- 13, 2023, in the Town of Lansing.

Vieweg was convicted after a jury trial in the Tompkins County Court. The trial commenced on Friday, May 3rd and concluded on Wednesday, May 8th, 2024. Vieweg was remanded to the Tompkins County Jail pending sentencing.

Sentencing has been scheduled for July 1, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. before Judge Richard M. Wallace.

Assistant District Attorney Emily Perks Quinlan prosecuted the case. Jerome Mayersak from Ithaca represented the defendant.
