

**News Release from
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Edgar Tolentino Pleads Guilty to Murder in the Second Degree

Rochester, NY- On June 7, 2022, 17-year-old Edgar Tolentino pled guilty to Murder in the Second Degree in Monroe County Youth Part before Acting Supreme Court Justice Stacey Romeo, for the shooting death of 71-year-old Richard Sciascia.

On April 7, 2021, at or about 10:41 a.m., Edgar Tolentino along with Anthony Jacobs, attempted to carjack Richard Sciascia on Buell Road, in the Town of Gates. Tolentino, who was armed with a gun, proceeded to shoot Mr. Sciascia when he refused to surrender his vehicle. Richard Sciascia was transported to Strong Memorial Hospital and pronounced dead shortly after his arrival.

After a detailed investigation by the Gates Police Department and the New York State Police, Edgar Tolentino was arrested on homicide charges for Richard Sciascia's death.

The case was prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles and Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

"Thank you to the Gates Police Department and the New York State Police for their thorough investigation," said Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles. "Edgar Tolentino showed no regard for the life of Richard Sciascia when he killed him over a car. With this guilty plea, it is our hope that Mr. Sciascia's family is able to find some closure."

"With crimes like armed carjackings on the rise in our community, it is imperative that we hold offenders like Edgar Tolentino accountable," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "We are pleased that Tolentino has taken responsibility for this crime and will spend the next two decades reflecting upon his heinous actions that resulted in Mr. Sciascia's death."

Edgar Tolentino will be sentenced to 20 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections on July 18, 2022, in New York State Supreme Court.

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