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Jackie Ray Robinson Sentenced to 40 Years to Life

Rochester, NY- Thursday, March 30, 2023, New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento sentenced 44-year-old Jackie Ray Robinson to 40 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. This sentence follows a jury conviction of Murder in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Assault in the 1st Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree for the murder of Chad Wilson and shooting of Jerome Mason.

On March 12, 2022, after 12:00AM Rochester Police Officers responded to Jackie Ray's Tavern on Bay Street in the City of Rochester, where they found Chad Wilson shot several times in the upper body. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries days later. A second victim was shot the same night. He was taken to Strong Memorial Hospital in a private vehicle. He later recovered from his injuries.

After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified Jackie Ray Robinson, manager of Jackie Ray's Tavern, as the shooter of both victims. Jackie Ray Robinson was charged with Chad Wilson's murder and the assault of the second victim, Jerome Mason.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Chief of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau.

"40 years to Life is a fitting sentence given the serious and violent nature of Jackie Ray Robinson's crimes," said Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman. "Robinson is a repeat felony offender, who killed Chad Wilson and nearly took the life of Jerome Mason. Jackie Ray Robinson had no regard for human life, the safety of his own patrons, or the law, when he fired multiple shots inside the tavern. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation, and the cooperation of many people in our community who were willing to come forward with information, resulting in the successful prosecution of all Mr. Robinson."

"Jackie Ray Robinson had an opportunity to better himself outside the criminal justice system, instead he killed Chad Wilson and risked the lives of many others when he shot his illegally possessed weapon," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Jackie Ray Robinson's history proves that he has no intention of being a productive citizen of our community and it is appropriate that he spends the rest of his life in the New York State Department of Corrections. Instead of promoting his business and following the law, he used it as a place to commit a terrible murder and assault."

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