

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Jamila Evans Convicted of Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Vehicular  
Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Driving While Intoxicated Charges**

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 21-year-old Jamila Evans was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Vehicular Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, two counts of Driving While Intoxicated, and Driving While Ability Impaired by the Combined Influence of Drugs or of Alcohol and any Drug or Drugs for causing the death of 23-year-old Autumn Johnson.

On June 17, 2021, Rochester Police Officers responded to a fatal crash at Central Park and North Goodman Street where Autumn Johnson was pronounced dead at the scene. After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, it was determined that the driver, Jamila Evans, was under the influence of alcohol and cannabis when she drove through flashing red traffic lights, failed to yield to an ambulance with its emergency lights and sirens on, and crashed into the ambulance, killing Autumn Johnson. The victim was a passenger in Jamila Evan's vehicle. The ambulance, which was en route to a separate emergency, crashed into a utility pole due to the collision. Following the crash, the EMT and paramedic from the ambulance assisted the passengers of the defendant's vehicle to the best of their abilities. Another passenger in the same vehicle was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

"Jamila Evans acted in a destructive, reckless manner when she made the choice to drive under the influence of drugs and alcohol," said Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone. "Jamila Evans made terrible decisions before getting behind the wheel of her vehicle, taking the life of her passenger and risking the lives of others on the road. It is our hope that the family of Autumn Johnson can find solace in today's verdict."

“Autumn Johnson was a young woman who had her entire life ahead of her,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Jamila Evans caused the death of a young woman, caused injuries to another passenger and EMTs, and prevented an ambulance on its way to an emergency. Homicides caused by DWI are especially frustrating because these deaths are 100% preventable. I urge the community to remember Autumn’s life and her devastating death before anyone chooses to drive while under the influence of alcohol.”

Jamila Evans will be sentenced on July 26, 2023 in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

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