

**News Release from
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Jury Finds Parolee Jarrelle Williams Guilty of two counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Robbery in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree

Rochester, NY- On Monday, February 6, 2023, a Monroe County Jury convicted 39-year-old Jarrelle Williams of all charges, including two counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Robbery in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Sharell Brown and attempted murder of another victim.

On April 15, 2022, during the course of a robbery in a house on Phelps Avenue, Jarrelle Williams shot and killed Sharell Brown and shot and severely injured another victim. The living victim was able to stagger to a nearby store where the Rochester Police Department responded for a report of a man who had been shot. Upon arrival, the victim pointed the Officers to the house across where Sharell Brown was murdered.

The Rochester Police Department and the New York State Division of Parole identified Jarrelle Williams as the offender, who was on parole at the time of his offense. Following the murder, Jarrelle Williams cut off his electronic ankle monitor and fled to Alabama. The New York State Division of Parole located him in Alabama on May 9, 2022, where he was arrested as a parole absconder. Once extradited back to New York, Jarrelle Williams was charged for the murder of Sharell Brown. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department, with assistance from the New York State Division of Parole, the United States Marshals Violent Felony Fugitive Task Force, and the Monroe County District Attorney's Office.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“Jarrelle Williams intentionally murdered Sharell Brown and intended to kill a second victim by repeatedly shooting them during the course of a robbery on Phelps Avenue,” said Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano. “Jarrelle Williams had no regard for human life and gave little thought to the consequences of his violence. I want to acknowledge the surviving victim for his resilience and strength; and the Rochester Police Department for conducting an excellent investigation that led to today's successful conviction.”

“Jarrelle Williams was a parolee who had an opportunity to become a productive citizen in Monroe County, instead he violently murdered Sharell Brown, nearly killed another individual, and fled the state,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “It is our hope that the remaining victim and Sharell’s family can find justice to today’s verdict and that Jarrelle Williams will serve a life sentence in the New York State Department of Corrections for these brutal and heartless crimes. It is unlikely that he will ever again have the opportunity to live in Monroe County.”

Jarrelle Williams will be sentenced on March 23, 2023, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

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