

**News Release from
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Jimmie Wright Convicted of Manslaughter in the 1st Degree

Rochester, NY- Tuesday, March 26, 2019, a Monroe County Jury convicted 23-year-old Jimmie Wright of Manslaughter in the 1st Degree and for the death of 22-year-old Jean Mejias-Vargas.

On June 28, 2018, Jimmie Wright struck Jean Mejias-Vargas with a baseball bat in the back of the head at a residence on Joseph Avenue in the City of Rochester. The victim was transported to Rochester General Hospital with multiple head injuries, where he died from his injuries a month later.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kyle Steinebach, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Local Courts Bureau.

“This verdict shows that Jimmie Wright acted in a manner without regard to the value of a human life,” said Assistant District Attorney Kyle Steinebach. “I want to the Rochester Police Department’s Major Crimes Unit who conducted this investigation that led to the arrest and successful prosecution of Jimmie Wright. The defendant will now have a state prison sentence where he can ponder the life he stole from the community.”

“The death of Jean Mejias-Vargas was a senseless, violent act,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office that Jimmie Wright serves a lengthy prison sentence where he can learn the value of freedom and human life. It is our hope that the victim’s loved ones can find the closure they deserve from this jury conviction.”

Jimmie Wright will be sentenced on May 13, 2019, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano. Wright faces 5-25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

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