

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
Monroe County District Attorney**

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**Luis Arroyo Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter in the Second Degree**

Rochester, NY- On Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, twenty-three year old Luis Arroyo pled guilty to Manslaughter in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree for causing the death of nineteen year old Brandon Spears. On June 12, 2016, Arroyo brought a loaded handgun to the Radisson hotel in downtown Rochester. While on the tenth floor of the hotel, Arroyo got into a confrontation with a group of men, including Spears, and pulled out the handgun. During the confrontation, one round was fired from the gun which ricocheted off of the ground and struck Spears in the chest. Arroyo faces four to twelve years in the Department of Corrections for Manslaughter in the Second Degree and eight years in the Department of Corrections plus five years post release supervision for the Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Greg Colavecchia of the Major Felony Bureau.

"Today's admission is the result of the hard work and dedication of the Rochester Police Department as well as the help received from the community," said Assistant District Attorney Greg Colavecchia. "Luis Arroyo's actions that night took the life of a young man. Arroyo chose to carry a loaded handgun and chose to pull it out during a confrontation he had while in a crowded hotel on a Saturday night. It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office that this will help to bring justice and closure to the victim's friends and family."

Luis Arroyo will be sentenced on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in front of County Court Judge Vincent M. Dinolfo.

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