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**Michael Mighty Pleads Guilty to Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for Death of  
Melvin White**

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, January 2, 23-year-old Michael A. Mighty pled guilty to the top count of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, in connection with the death of Melvin White.

In the early hours of April 17, 2017, the Rochester Police Department was called to investigate after Melvin White was attacked and shot after leaving a club on Central Avenue in the City of Rochester. He was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead from his injuries. After a thorough and exhaustive investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Michael A. Mighty, Eli S. Rosa, Jr., and Jamol M. Jackson were arrested for the murder. Michael Mighty admitted to attempting to rob the victim and ultimately shooting Melvin White, resulting in his death.

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

“Today’s admission is the result of an outstanding investigation conducted by the Rochester Police Department,” said Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz. “Last April, Michael Mighty and his codefendants deliberately attacked Melvin White without regard to his life, or the lives of his friends and family. Mighty will potentially spend the rest of his life behind bars for his vicious actions against the victim and is no longer going to be a threat to this community. It is our hope that with his admission of guilt, Melvin’s friends and family can continue to mourn the loss of their loved one.”

Michael Mighty will be sentenced on February 27, 2018, in front of State Supreme Court Justice Judith A. Sinclair where he will face 20 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections.

Eli S. Rosa, Jr., and Jamol M. Jackson are scheduled for trial for the same crime on March 5, 2018, in front of Justice Sinclair.

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