

**News Release from
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Jury Finds Piero Scala Guilty of Murder in the 2nd Degree

Rochester, NY- Tuesday, April 11, 2023, a Monroe County Jury convicted 42-year-old Piero Scala of Murder in the Second Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 5th Degree for the murder of Cathy O'Brien in October 2019.

On October 9, 2019, Webster Police Officers arrived at the home of Cathy O'Brien on Oakdale Drive for a welfare check. Upon arriving, the officers found 56-year-old Cathy O'Brien deceased with multiple stab wounds.

On October 28, 2019, after a thorough investigation conducted by the Webster Police Department and the New York State Police, which included assistance from the public, Piero Scala was arrested for her murder. The two were known to each other.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit, and Senior Assistant District Attorney Kristina Hinkley, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

"The murder of Cathy O'Brien was violent, senseless, and completely unnecessary," said Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson. "I want to thank the Webster Police Department and the New York State Police for their thorough and detailed investigation that resulted in the successful prosecution of Piero Scala. I want to also give a special thank you to Cathy's friends and neighbors, whose information assisted in the police investigation. Over three and a half years later, I hope that Cathy's family feels justice from today's conviction."

"Cathy O'Brien loved life, loved her siblings, and her nieces and nephews," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Piero Scala was supposed to be her friend, but brutally killed her, taking her away from her loved ones. Today's conviction is a much-needed resolution for the murder of Cathy O'Brien."

Piero Scala will be sentenced on June 26, 2023, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Miller.

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