

**News Release from
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**Jury Finds Rakeem Lane Guilty of Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts
of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree**

Rochester, NY- Thursday, February 9, 2023, a Monroe County Jury convicted 33-year-old Rakeem Lane of Murder in the Second Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Javon Sampson on April 9, 2022.

On April 9, 2022, Rochester Police Officers were called for a man shot on Chili Avenue in the City of Rochester. Upon arriving to the scene, officers found Javon Sampson, with a bullet wound to his head. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died nine days later.

After a thorough investigation, which included video evidence of the crime, Rakeem Lane was identified as Javon Sampson's killer. The two men were known to each other. Rakeem Lane was apprehended by the United States Marshals Felony Fugitive Task Force and charged with the murder and weapons possessions.

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

"The murder of Rakeem Lane was senseless, violent, and completely unnecessary," said Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz. "I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their thorough investigation that resulted in the clear identification of Rakeem Lane. I also want to thank the United States Marshals Felony Fugitive Task Force for his apprehension. I am content that one more dangerous individual is unable to further promote violence in our community."

"Rakeem Lane used his illegal weapon to shoot and kill Javon Sampson outside in a busy area," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Rakeem Lane's violent history proves that he is an ongoing danger to our community and is best served in the New York State Department of Corrections. Today's conviction is a much-needed resolution for the murder of Javon Sampson."

Rakeem Lane will be sentenced on March 15, 2023, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

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