

**News Release from
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**Jury Finds Parolee Robert Colon Guilty of Murder in the 2nd Degree and 11
Other Felony Counts**

Rochester, NY- Thursday, September 1, 2022, a Monroe County Jury convicted 29-year-old Robert Colon of Murder in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, two counts of Attempted Robbery in the 1st Degree, and Attempted Robbery in the 2nd Degree. Robert Colon was convicted for the shooting murder of Roger Palermo and the attempted murder of a second victim, also at gunpoint.

On March 30, 2021, Roger Palermo was the unintended victim of a shooting on First Street in the City of Rochester. He was pronounced deceased at Strong Memorial Hospital.

On April 20, 2021, a victim was shot during an attempted robbery near Joseph Avenue. Robert Colon was quickly identified and arrested by the Rochester Police Department for the robbery and attempted murder.

As the investigation continued, with assistance from the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center and the New York State Division of Parole, Colon was also indicted for the murder of Roger Palermo.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Bianca D'Angelo, of the Major Felony Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

"Today's verdict was only possible due to the incredible investigative work of the Rochester Police Department, the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center, and the New York State Division of Parole," said Assistant District Attorney Bianca D'Angelo. "Robert Colon took the life of Roger Palermo, an unintended target who was not known to the defendant, and nearly killed another victim. I hope that the family and friends of the victims feel justice in today's verdict."

"Robert Colon, a parolee, has no regard for the members of our community, as he killed an innocent bystander and nearly killed a second victim," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Mr. Colon deserves a life sentence in the New York State Department of Corrections, where he can no longer commit these violent and vicious acts."

Robert Colon will be sentenced on October 31, 2022, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

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