

**News Release from
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Daniel Williams Jr Pled Guilty to Murder in the Second Degree

Rochester, NY- Yesterday, 19 year old Daniel Williams Jr. pled guilty to Murder in the Second Degree for killing 28 year old Walter Smith Jr. On August 24, 2013, Daniel Williams Jr. approached Smith who was in a parked vehicle on Elba Street in the City of Rochester. According to witnesses, an argument ensued between Smith and Williams and Williams fired a sawed off shot-gun four times into the vehicle. One shot struck Smith in the head and was fatal. There is no known relationship between Williams and Smith. DNA evidence and witness testimony were used to identify Daniel Williams Jr.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan of the Major Felony Bureau.

“Based on witness cooperation, the hard work of the Rochester Police Department’s Major Crimes Unit and sophisticated DNA evidence, Daniel Williams was brought to justice for the senseless murder of Walter Smith, Jr.,” said Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan.

Daniel Williams is scheduled to be sentenced by Supreme Court Justice Daniel Doyle on January 12, 2016.

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