

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Adriel Riley Convicted of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the Death of Steven  
Amenhauser**

Rochester, NY- Tuesday, February 28, 2023, Criminal Youth Part and Family Court Judge Stacey Romeo convicted 16-year-old Adriel Riley of Murder in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the murder of Steven Amehauser on March 12, 2021.

On March 12, 2021, Rochester Police Officers, Rochester Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Responders were called to Lyell Avenue where 53-year-old Steven Amehauser, who was sitting on a chair inside his apartment, had been doused in flammable liquid and was lit on fire. The victim then ran outside, when bystanders put out that fire. He was then transported to Strong Memorial Hospital by the first responders. Steven Amehauser died three days later, with burns over 70% of his body, including 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree burns.

Zayvion Perry, who was 16 years old at the time, and Adriel Riley, who was 14 years old at the time, were arrested for Steven Amehauser's death.

On January 27, 2023, 18-year-old Zayvion pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for his role in Steven Amehauser's death. He will be sentenced to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau.

“Today’s verdict proves that Adriel Riley intended to murder Steven Amehauser by setting him on fire,” said Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark. “Adriel Riley’s violent actions were completely indescribable and inhumane. I want to thank the Rochester Fire Department, the Rochester Fire Investigators, and the Rochester Police Department for their thorough investigation that resulted in the identification and apprehension of both Adriel Riley and Zayvion Perry. The Monroe County District Attorney’s Office will always remember Steven Amehauser and the horrific death he faced.”

“The depraved actions of Adriel Riley, with assistance from Zayvion Perry, took the life of Steven Amenhauser in a terrifying manner,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Adriel Riley is a danger to this community, as he has no regard for human life. This murder was cruel and devastating. Two years later, I am relieved that we were finally able to find justice for Steven Amenhauser.”

Zayvion Perry will be sentenced on March 27, 2023, and Adriel Riley will be sentenced on March 28, 2023, both in front of Criminal Youth Part and Family Court Judge Stacey Romeo.

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