

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Parolee Darrell Griffin Sentenced to 25 Years to Life**

Rochester, NY- Thursday, July 20, 2023, Monroe County Judge Vacca sentenced 34-year-old Darrell Griffin to 25 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. Darrell Griffin was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, two counts of Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the armed robbery and murder of Omar Hughley.

On April 24, 2022, Rochester Police Officers responded to W. Main Street outside Minq Lounge, where they located Omar Hughley, who was found deceased with a gunshot wound in the upper chest. Omar Hughley had been out celebrating his birthday with friends that night. Rochester Police Investigators determined that Omar Hughley had been robbed at gunpoint, before being shot and killed.

After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified parolee Darrell Griffin as the shooter, and the individual who robbed the victim. Darrell Griffin was on parole and had an electronic ankle monitor for a previous Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree conviction at the time of the murder. He was charged for the murder and robbery of Omar Hughley.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Greg Clark, of the Major Felony Bureau.

“Omar Hughley was out celebrating his life with his friends before Darrell Griffin violently chose to end his life,” said Assistant District Attorney Greg Clark. “Darrell Griffin had no regard for human life, the safety of his fellow community members, or the law when he brutally robbed Omar Hughley before killing him. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation, and the cooperation of Omar’s friends and family who were willing to come forward with information, resulting in today’s life sentence.”

“Darrell Griffin has proven time and time again that he is a danger to society and has no interest in being a law-abiding citizen,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Instead of staying away from illegal weapons, he violently robbed and killed a stranger when he saw an opportunity. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for this investigation, and the family of Omar Hughley, who can finally mourn the loss of their loved one outside of the courtroom.”

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