

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Rakeem Lane Sentenced to 30 Years to Life for Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree &  
Two Counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, March 15, 2023, New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi sentenced 33-year-old Rakeem Lane in connection with the April 9, 2022 shooting death of Javon Sampson. Rakeem Lane was sentenced to 25 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections for his conviction of Murder in the Second Degree. He was also sentenced to 5 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision for each of his two convictions of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. The Murder sentence and one of the Criminal Possession of a Weapon sentences will run consecutive to each other, resulting in a total sentence of 30 years to Life.

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. Rakeem Lane was convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree on February 9, 2022.

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

"The murder of Javon Sampson was violent, senseless, and put many people in danger," 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 life sentence is an appropriate and much-needed resolution for the murder of Javon Sampson."

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