

**News Release from**  
**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**Shamere Thomas Convicted of Two Counts of Criminal Possession of a  
Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Two Counts of Criminally Using Drug  
Paraphernalia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- On Friday, January 21, 27-year-old Shamere Thomas was convicted by a Monroe County Jury of two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree after he was found with fentanyl and cocaine with intent to sell.

On December 1, 2020, Shamere Thomas was approached by Rochester Police officers while being the sole occupant in the driver seat of his car. He disobeyed commands and started the car while an Officer was partially in the vehicle. The car then crashed at Evergreen Street into a Stop Sign. Shamere Thomas took off running and was detained a short distance later. Fentanyl and cocaine were found inside and around the vehicle, packaged with intent to sell.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“With today’s conviction hopefully Shamere Thomas will learn to stop pushing illegal narcotics in our community,” said Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy. “I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for arresting Shamere Thomas and helping to remove another drug dealer from our streets.”

“As a violent predicate felony offender, Shamere Thomas has had multiple chances to better himself and turn his life around,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Thanks to the Assistant District Attorneys in the Special Investigations Bureau and the Rochester Police Department, we are taking these dangerous narcotics out of the hands of criminals. Shamere Thomas will now have years to think about the dangers he has caused our community by continuing to fuel the addiction epidemic.”

Shamere Thomas will be sentenced on February 23, 2022, in front of State Supreme Court Justice Renzi. As a violent predicate felony offender, he faces a minimum of 6 years in the New York State Department of Corrections and a maximum of 15 years.

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