

**News Release from
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**Jonathan Spinks Sentenced to 90 Years to Life for the Murder of Lysaun
Curry**

Rochester, NY- Thursday, December 22, 2022, New York State Supreme Court Justice Vincent Dinolfo sentenced 30-year-old Jonathan Spinks to 90 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections after he was convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, two counts of Burglary in the 1st Degree, and five counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Lysaun Curry and attempted murder of another victim.

On October 2, 2020, Rochester Police Officers responded to a house on Trenaman Street in the City of Rochester. 19-year-old Lysaun Curry was pronounced dead at the scene, having been shot 12 times by Jonathan Spinks who had hid in the dark at the location, waiting to ambush Curry.

On October 10, 2020, Jonathan Spinks entered the home of a woman, waited for her to come home, and shot her multiple times. After his arrest for the attempted murder and an extensive investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Jonathan Spinks was also charged with the murder of Lysaun Curry. Both victims were known to Spinks.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and Special Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Major Felony Bureau.

“Lysaun Curry was an innocent teenager who was violently stalked and murdered by Jonathan Spinks,” said Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano. “I want to thank the Rochester Police Department, and in particular the members of the Major Crimes Unit, whose extensive investigation led to today’s appropriate life sentence. I also want to thank the surviving victim of the October 10, 2020 attack for her cooperation. She showed great bravery and fortitude by facing her assailant in court and testifying about these traumatic events.”

“Often you hear myself and my partners in law enforcement speak about the worst offenders committing most of the violence in our city. Jonathan Spinks is one of those offenders,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Jonathan Spinks deserves the sentence he received today. We are pleased that he will spend the rest of his in the New York State Department of Corrections. It is our hope that the family of Lysaun Curry and the surviving victim can rest assured knowing that Jonathan Spinks can no longer hurt them.”

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