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Parolee Tyrone Jiggetts, Jr. Sentenced to 40 Years to Life

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, November 8, 2023, New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano sentenced 28-year-old Tyrone Jiggetts, Jr. to 40 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections for the murder of Juan Pena-Mendez and multiple Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree convictions. Tyrone Jiggetts, Jr. was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2nd Degree and six counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree. The jury did not reach a verdict for the murder of Luis Morales and Justice Schiano dismissed these charges after a trial order of dismissal.

On February 26, 2022, at approximately 11:15AM, Rochester Police Officers were called to Rialto Street for a shooting. Upon arrival, they located Juan Pena Mendez, who was found deceased from gunshot wounds, sitting inside his motor vehicle in a driveway.

After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified parolee Tyrone Jiggetts, Jr. as the shooter. Tyrone Jiggetts was on parole for a previous Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree conviction at the time of both murders.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit.

“Today’s sentence of 40 years to Life is appropriate and telling of Tyrone Jiggetts violent actions,” said Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson. “Tyrone Jiggetts ambushed Juan Pena Mendez, who was sitting in his car on a Saturday morning. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation, resulting in today’s life sentence.”

“Tyrone Jiggetts continued to make violent decisions following his reentry to society,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Instead of staying away from illegal weapons and abiding by the law, he violently killed Juan Pena Mendez. Tyrone Jiggetts has shown us that he is a dangerous individual who needs to take accountability for his actions. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for this investigation, our community is safer with this defendant in the New York State Department of Corrections.”

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