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**Roderick Johnson Sentenced to 20 Years in State Prison for
15 Year Old Homicide**

Rochester, NY- Today, Supreme Court Justice Thomas E. Moran sentenced 42 year old Roderick Johnson to 20 years in State Prison, with an additional 5 years post release supervision, for a homicide that occurred 15 years ago on August 6, 2000. On that date, Roderick Johnson fired several shots into a vehicle driven by John Williams III hitting Williams and causing his death. Johnson pled guilty to First Degree Manslaughter on May 4, 2015.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Farrell, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

"Today's sentencing closes a chapter in the lives of the victim's family and demonstrates justice can be served even after 15 years have passed," said Assistant District Attorney Patrick Farrell. "Without the hard work of current and former members of the Rochester Police Department and the assistance of the community we would not have been able to see that justice was done for Mr. Williams and his family."

Roderick Johnson is currently serving a 28 ½ years to life sentence for a separate homicide conviction.

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