## News Release from The Honorable Sandra Doorley

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## Michael Walton Sentenced to 50 Years to Life in Prison

Rochester, NY- Today, Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi sentenced Michael Walton to two consecutive sentences of 25 Years to Life following his conviction for the murders of Adjaukumar Graham and Shamelle Warren in separate incidents in 2013. During the October jury trial, dozens of witnesses testified for the People and a significant amount of highly incriminating evidence implicated Michael Walton in the victims' deaths, resulting in his conviction on all counts. Despite the strength of the evidence, the sentencing, which was originally scheduled for December, was delayed when the defense filed a "330 motion" to set aside the verdict, claiming that new evidence in the form of a handgun had emerged. Testing of the weapon, however, revealed no exculpatory evidence, leading Judge Renzi to conclude that the gun's admission at trail would not have impacted the verdict.

Assistant District Attorneys Elizabeth Buckley and Patrick Farrell prosecuted the case, and were both present for today's sentencing.

"Michael Walton is the most dangerous type of criminal we encounter—a serial killer with no regard for the lives of those around him," said Farrell. "We may never know the true number of lives Michael Walton has destroyed, but thanks to some incredible teamwork between our office, RPD, and New York State Parole, he'll never have the opportunity to destroy another."

Michael Walton, who has remained in custody since his arrest, will begin serving his sentence immediately.

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