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**Ralik Daquan Coffie Pleads Guilty to Second Degree Murder**

Rochester, NY- Today, 20 year old Ralik Daquan Coffie pled guilty to Second Degree Murder after admitting to his involvement in a double shooting that occurred on April 22, 2014. On that date, Coffie and an accomplice shot two men during an altercation in the City of Rochester. One of the victims, forty-nine year old Ronald Stern, was found dead in the parking lot of the Family Dollar store on Genesee Street. The other victim, Earl Cartwright, was shot in the leg and treated at Strong Memorial Hospital. He has since recovered from his injuries.

The case was prosecuted by Matthew Schwartz, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Laura Vanderbrook.

"Today's plea ensures that another dangerous criminal is off our streets," said Schwartz. "This conviction is a result of the hard work of the Rochester Police Department and the willingness of civilian witnesses to cooperate with the investigation."

Coffie will be sentenced before Judge Vincent Dinolfo on April 16, 2015, when he is expected to receive a sentence of 15 years to life in prison. The trial of his alleged accomplice, Vick Lawrence, is scheduled to begin on April 27, 2015.

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