

**News Release from
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Dakwan Patterson Guilty of Murder in the Second Degree

Rochester, NY- On Friday evening, a Monroe County Jury found 34 year old Dakwan Patterson guilty of Murder in the Second Degree for a shooting death that occurred on Jay Street in the City of Rochester on December 18, 2013. Shortly after noon on that date, Patterson shot 27 year old Antoine Brown in the torso after a verbal altercation between the two men. Brown was subsequently pronounced dead at Strong Memorial Hospital. Patterson, who fled the scene, was tracked down and apprehended in New York City on March 31, 2014 following a three month investigation by the Rochester Police Department, New York Police Department, and U.S. Marshals Service.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michelle Crowley, Chief of the Grand Jury Bureau.

"Dakwan Patterson took another person's life in broad daylight on a street in our city, an act that exposed his violent nature and disregard for the neighborhood," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Fortunately, the cooperation we received in this case from witnesses demonstrates the determination of this community to put an end to the type of brazen violence that took Antoine Brown's life and should send an unmistakable message to those who've come to believe that their actions are made invisible by fear."

Patterson, who faces up to 25 years to life in State prison, will be sentenced before Judge John DeMarco on May 13th.

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