

**News Release from
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Anthony Scott Ortiz Guilty of Murder in the Second Degree

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Jury found 19 year old Anthony Scott Ortiz guilty of Murder in the Second Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree for a shooting death that occurred in a building on Lois Street in the City of Rochester on January 1, 2014. On that date, Ortiz shot Terrence Beatty, 23, in the chest and Brandon Pearce, 27, in the foot at a New Year's Eve party after an altercation began which involved Ortiz's friend. Beatty was pronounced dead at the scene. Pearce recovered from his injuries after being treated at Strong Memorial Hospital.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Julie Hahn, Chief of the Non-violent Felony Bureau.

"Anthony Ortiz was only 17 years old when he pulled out a gun at a party took the life of Terrence Beatty," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Today's conviction ensures that a very violent individual will be removed from our streets."

Ortiz, who faces a maximum sentence of 32 years to life in State prison, will be sentenced before Monroe County Court Judge Douglas Randall on April 17th.

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