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James McIntosh Guilty of Second Degree Murder

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Jury found 52 year old James McIntosh guilty of Murder in the Second Degree and Manslaughter in the First Degree for the August 4, 2013 murder of 49 year old Michael Burnett. On that date, McIntosh stabbed Burnett to death following an argument in their apartment on West Commercial Street in the Village of East Rochester.

The case was prosecuted for the People by Patrick Gallagher of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office Major Felonies Bureau, following an investigation by the East Rochester Police Department and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. During the trial, the defendant took the stand and claimed that he acted in self-defense. That testimony was inconsistent with physical evidence presented at trial. The jury found that McIntosh's actions were not justified.

"This crime was a senseless act that took the life of a well-respected person in the East Rochester community" said Gallagher. "The jury should be credited for their careful consideration of the facts presented at trial, and for ensuring justice for Mr. Burnett and his family."

McIntosh will be sentenced on June 12, 2014 before Monroe County Court Judge Vincent M. Dinolfo, where he faces up to 25 years to life in prison. McIntosh was remanded to custody following the verdict, and will remain in the Monroe County Jail until sentencing.

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