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Jeffrey Blunt Guilty of Murder in the Second Degree

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Jury found 31 year old Jeffrey Blunt guilty of Murder in the Second Degree, Conspiracy in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree for the October 7, 2012 shooting death of William Klick on Copley Street in the City of Rochester. At approximately 5 AM that day, Klick was shot in the head, neck, chest and abdomen. The Medical Examiner pronounced him dead at the scene. An investigation was conducted by the Rochester Police Department, who recovered the murder weapon in the Erie Canal near the Chili Avenue Bridge. The case was later featured on an episode of *The First 48* on the A&E Network.

The case was prosecuted for the People by Sara VanStrydonck, Chief of the Child Abuse Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Amanda Balling. A codefendant, Kathryn Makoroff, pled guilty to Conspiracy in the Second Degree and testified against Blunt at his trial.

"Jeffery Blunt was a threat to this community and I am pleased to have been a part of delivering justice to Mr. Klick's family," said VanStrydonck.

Blunt will be sentenced on September 11, 2014 before Monroe County Court Judge Victoria Argento, where he faces 25 years to life in prison. Blunt was remanded to custody without bail following the verdict, and will remain in the Monroe County Jail until sentencing.

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