

**News Release from
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Khaleef Reed Guilty of Murder in the Second Degree

Rochester, NY- Yesterday, a Monroe County Jury found 34 year old Khaleef Reed guilty of Murder in the Second Degree for the March 31, 2014 shooting death of 27 year old Sir-Cordae Hightower. On that date, Reed shot Hightower four times in the driveway of a residence on Wilkins Street in the City of Rochester. The unprovoked attack occurred in broad daylight and was witnessed by Hightower's sister, Twynette. Hightower was rushed by friends to Rochester General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

After the shooting, Reed left the Rochester area, and was apprehended in Jonesboro, Georgia on April 7, 2014.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Bezer of the Major Felony Bureau.

"I'm happy to see justice done for the Hightower family, especially Sir-Cordae's sister, Twynette, who must live the rest of her life with the memory of witnessing her brother's execution," said Bezer. "I'd also like to recognize the Rochester Police Department and the U.S. Marshals Service for their investigation and apprehension of Khaleef Reed."

Reed will be sentenced on January 30, 2015 before Monroe County Court Judge Douglas Randall, where he faces a maximum sentence of 25 years to life in prison. Reed will remain in the Monroe County Jail until sentencing.

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