

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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**Adriel Riley Sentenced to 15 Years to Life for the Death of Steven
Amenhauser**

Rochester, NY- Thursday, April 19, 2023, Criminal Youth Part and Family Court Judge Stacey Romeo sentenced 16-year-old Adriel Riley to 15 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections for the murder of Steven Amenhauser on March 12, 2021. Based on the defendant's age, this is the maximum sentence allowed by law. Adriel Riley was previously convicted of Murder in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder.

On March 12, 2021, Rochester Police Officers, Rochester Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Responders were called to Lyell Avenue where 53-year-old Steven Amenhauser, who was sitting on a chair inside his apartment, had been doused in flammable liquid and was lit on fire. The victim then ran outside, when bystanders put out that fire. He was then transported to Strong Memorial Hospital by the first responders. Steven Amenhauser died three days later, with burns over 70% of his body, including 3rd Degree burns.

Zayvion Perry, who was 16 years old at the time, and Adriel Riley, who was 14 years old at the time, were arrested for Steven Amenhauser's death.

On January 27, 2023, 18-year-old Zayvion pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for his role in Steven Amenhauser's death. He was sentenced to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections on Monday, March 27.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau.

“Adriel Riley proved that he is violent and is a danger to our community,” said Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark. “The murder of Steven Amenhauser cannot be described as anything other than evil. I want to thank the Rochester Fire Department, the Rochester Fire Investigators, and the Rochester Police Department for their thorough investigation that resulted in the identification and apprehension of both Adriel Riley and Zayvion Perry. The Monroe County District Attorney's Office will always remember Steven Amenhauser and the horrific death he faced.”

“Steven Amenhauser’s murder was depraved, violent, and unimaginable,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “While I am pleased that Judge Romeo sentenced Adriel Riley to the maximum allowed by law, nothing will change the shocking and terrifying nature of this murder. Two years later, I am relieved that we were finally able to hold Adriel Riley and Zayvion Perry responsible for Steven’s horrific death.”

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