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**Anthony Barnes Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree for Causing
the Death of Jazzmeir Mouzon-Henton**

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 18-year-old Anthony Barnes, Jr. pled guilty to the top count, Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, for recklessly causing the death of 14-year-old Jazzmeir Mouzon-Henton.

On May 3, 2024, Rochester Police Officers responded to a report of a motor vehicle crash on Bloss Street. Upon arrival, they found a single-car crash involving an overturned stolen vehicle. There were multiple children and teenagers inside the car, which was driven by Anthony Barnes, Jr. One of the passengers, 14-year-old, Jazzmeir Mouzon-Henton, suffered serious injuries and was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries days later.

Following a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Anthony Barnes, Jr., who was 17-year-old at the time of the crash, was arrested for causing the death of the victim. The defendant was driving the stolen car, which overturned as a direct result of his reckless driving.

Anthony Barnes, Jr. will be sentenced to 5-15 years in the New York State Department of Corrections, the maximum sentence allowed by New York State Law.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“Last year, Anthony Barnes, Jr. made a terrible decision that tragically ended the life of a 14-year-old, and endangered several other teenagers and children,” said Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone. “It is so important that the defendant is now taking responsibility for the devastating events of May 3 that led to the death of a Jazzmeir Mouzon-Henton. His death was entirely preventable. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their diligent investigation of this tragedy. Today serves as a powerful reminder of the lives that can shattered due to reckless and dangerous driving.”

“Jazzmeir Mouzon-Henton was a young teenager with his entire life ahead of him,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “A series of reckless choices made by Anthony Barnes Jr. led to this devastating loss. Because of his actions, Jazzmeir’s family was robbed of their loved one, and Anthony Barnes, Jr. will face the consequences of his decisions while incarcerated. We hope that the defendant will use his time in the Department of Corrections to reflect on his reckless behavior that took a life and forever altered a family. It is our hope that Jazzmier Mouzon-Henton’s family can find justice in this admission of guilt.”

Anthony Barnes, Jr. will be sentenced on August 14, 2025, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.

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