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Parolee Charles Holley Sentenced to 25 Years to Life for the Murder of Devon Wilburn

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair sentenced 33-year-old Charles Holley to 25 years to Life for the murder of Devon Wilburn. This sentence will be served consecutively to his federal sentence. Charles Holley was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the Second Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree.

On March 24, 2021, Rochester Police Officers were called to Dewey Avenue and Magee Avenue around 7:00PM for a shooting. The officers quickly discovered that Devon Wilburn was transported to Rochester General Hospital in a private vehicle with a gunshot wound from the incident. He passed away due to his injuries later that night.

After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department and the New York State Division of Parole, Charles Holley was developed as a suspect. The defendant was on parole for a previous robbery conviction and absconded from parole following the murder. Devon Wilburn and Charles Holley were known to each other.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, and Senior Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“Charles Holley intended to kill Devon Wilburn that night regardless of the consequences of these horrendous actions,” said Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark. “This murder was violent and deliberate. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and Parole for their thorough investigation that resulted in the identification and apprehension of Charles Holley. I would also like to thank the family of Devon Wilburn, especially his sister, whose strength is inspiring. Today, our community is safer knowing that Charles Holley may spend the rest of his life in the New York State Department of Corrections, away from Monroe County.”

“Time and time again, Charles Holley showed that he is unwilling to lead a lawful life in our community,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Charles Holley targeted Devon Wilburn with the intention to kill him, with no regard for his life and the grieving family he left behind. Today’s life sentence is appropriate given his apathy for human life and public safety.”

Charles Holley was also indicted federally for the possession of an illegal firearm upon his arrest. He was convicted for the federal charge and sentenced to federal prison.

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