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Charles Perkins Found Guilty of 2nd Degree Murder

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County jury found Charles Perkins, 26, guilty of Murder in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 1st Degree for his role in the May 29, 2012 shooting of brothers Robert and Devon Vinson on Saxton Street in the City of Rochester. On that date, the victims passed by a dice game as they walked through the neighborhood when several men broke away from the game to pursue them. After a short chase, an assault against the two brothers commenced which was witnessed by Charles Perkins, a relative of the men who were participating in the assault. Perkins, who joined in the beating, obtained a gun dropped by one of the men—Kenyada Peterkin—and shot the victims at close range before fleeing. Robert Vinson, 26, was pronounced dead at the scene. His brother, 24 year old Devon Vinson, survived but was seriously wounded in the attack, suffering permanent injury. Despite some media reports to the contrary, the victims were not involved in the dice game, but were simply passing through the area on their way home. Perkins and Peterkin were apprehended several weeks later following an investigation by the Rochester Police Department.

Caroline Morrison, Deputy Chief of the Local Courts Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Gregory Colavecchia prosecuted the case for the People.

“This was a senseless act of violence perpetrated against two truly innocent victims,” said Morrison. “Robert and Devon Vinson were doing nothing more than walking home.”

Perkins faces 25 Years to Life in prison when he is sentenced on October 31st before Judge Victoria Argento. Kenyada Peterkin, the individual who originally produced the gun at the scene, will face prosecution in the coming days.

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