

**News Release from
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Parolee Miguel Clemons Sentenced to 20 Years to Life for Attempted Murder

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, May 14, 2025, Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger sentenced 26-year-old Miguel Clemons to multiple concurrent life sentences, totaling 20 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. He was previously convicted by a jury of Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for shooting a man with the intent to kill him on December 26, 2023. Miguel Clemons was sentenced as a mandatory persistent violent felony offender.

On December 26, 2023, Rochester Police Officers responded to a report of a person shot on North Goodman Street in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, a 46-year old man was found shot inside of his vehicle. He was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he eventually recovered from his injuries.

After a thorough investigation by the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, which includes Rochester Police Investigators, Monroe County District Attorney Investigators, and Assistant District Attorneys, Shavar Brooks and Miguel Clemons were arrested for the shootings. Both were on parole at the time of the shooting with Electronic Monitor Devices on their ankles.

On December 26, 2023, around 3:30PM in the afternoon, both defendants were at a house in the City of Rochester when the victim drove by the house. As the victim was driving away from the property, Shavar Brooks and Miguel Clemons jumped into their car, boxed the victim against the side of the road, and shot at least ten rounds at him until he was struck twice in the upper torso and once in the arm.

Shavar Brooks was also convicted by a jury for Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree. He was sentenced to 23 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau, and Special Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, also of the Major Felony Bureau.

“On the day after Christmas, Shavar Brooks and Miguel Clemons engaged in a reckless act of violence that nearly claimed a man's life,” said Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst. “This brazen gunfire in broad daylight endangered the lives of everyone in the community and nearly led to a murder. The defendants have repeatedly demonstrated their blatant disregard for the law. Today’s sentence marks the final chapter in this case, and it is my sincere hope that the victim can focus on his recovery without the burden of ongoing court proceedings. This outcome is a direct result of the dedicated work of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, which secured today’s appropriate life sentence.”

“It is abundantly clear that neither Miguel Clemons nor Shavar Brooks values human life or their own liberty,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “They have shown an utter disregard for their past offenses, their parole status, and the safety of the victims and innocent bystanders involved in this violent incident. We commend the victim for bravely confronting his attackers in court and thank the community members who stepped up to testify. This case exemplifies the critical role of the Non-Fatal Shooting Initiative, which fosters relationships with victims and witnesses, which is essential for holding violent offenders accountable.”

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