

**News Release from
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Parolee Darrell Griffin Convicted of Murder in the 2nd Degree

Rochester, NY- Tuesday, May 16, 2023, a Monroe County Jury convicted 34-year-old Darrell Griffin of Murder in the 2nd Degree, Manslaughter in the 1st Degree, two counts of Robbery in the 1st Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the armed robbery and murder of Omar Hughley.

On April 24, 2022, Rochester Police Officers responded to W. Main Street outside Minq Lounge, where they located Omar Hughley, who was found deceased with a gunshot wound in the upper chest. Omar Hughley had been out celebrating his birthday with friends that night. Rochester Police Investigators determined that Omar Hughley had been robbed at gunpoint, before being shot and killed.

After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified parolee Darrell Griffin as the shooter, and the individual who robbed the victim. Darrell Griffin was on parole and had an electronic ankle monitor for a previous Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree conviction at the time of the murder. He was charged for the murder and robbery of Omar Hughley.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Greg Clark, of the Major Felony Bureau.

“Omar Hughley was out celebrating his life with his friends before Darrell Griffin violently chose to end his life,” said Assistant District Attorney Greg Clark. “Darrell Griffin had no regard for human life, the safety of his fellow community members, or the law when he brutally robbed Omar Hughley before killing him. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation, and the cooperation of Omar’s friends and family who were willing to come forward with information, resulting in the successful prosecution of Darrell Griffin.”

“Six months before the murder, Darrell Griffin was given the opportunity to re-enter society and become a productive citizen,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Instead of staying away from illegal weapons and abiding by the law, he violently robbed and killed a stranger when he saw an opportunity. Darrell Griffin has shown us that he is a dangerous individual who needs to take accountability for his actions. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for this investigation, and the family of Omar Hughley, who have been in the courtroom during this tragic trial.”

Darrell Griffin will be sentenced on July 18, 2023, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Vacca.

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