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Dhymere Bailey Pleads Guilty to Murder in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the Homicide of Sandra Blanding

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 20-year-old Dhymere Bailey pled guilty to Murder in the 2nd Degree for killing Sandra Blanding.

At approximately 7:00 a.m. on March 19, 2025, Rochester Police Officers responded to a vacant house on Spencer Street in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, officers discovered 39-year-old Sandra Blanding deceased on the sidewalk in front of a vacant house. The victim had sustained multiple gunshot wounds to the upper body.

Following a thorough investigation, Rochester Police Department detectives determined that Dhymere Bailey was responsible for the murder of Sandra Blanding. Dhymere Bailey was arrested on March 21, 2025, by the Rochester Police Department's Tactical Unit and SWAT Team. The defendant initially fled from the police, but was swiftly apprehended.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kevin Sunderland, Chief of the Local Courts Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Diane Orosz-Roy.

"The Rochester Police Department conducted an exceptional investigation that led to the identification and arrest of Dhymere Bailey for this senseless act of violence," said Assistant District Attorney Kevin Sunderland. "This defendant's heartless murder took the life of Sandra Blanding, showing a complete disregard for human life. Today's guilty plea holds him accountable for his actions and spares Sandra's loved ones the pain of a trial. I am grateful to the Rochester Police Department detectives whose professionalism and dedication ensured that justice was achieved in this case."

“Sandra Blanding should still be alive today. Instead, her life was stolen in a completely unnecessary act of violence,” said Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green. “While no conviction can restore what was taken from her family and friends, this guilty plea ensures that Dymere Bailey will be held accountable for the devastating choice he made. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and ADA Kevin Sunderland for their tireless efforts in securing justice for the victim and helping make our community safer.”

Dymere Bailey will be sentenced on July 31, 2026, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Caroline Morrison. He is expected to be sentenced to 25 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections.

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