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**Eddie Williams Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter 1<sup>st</sup>**

Rochester, NY- On Friday, October 1, 2021, 28-year-old Eddie Williams pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for the June 14, 2020 homicide of Trenton Cook on N. Clinton Avenue in the City of Rochester. Eddie Williams will serve 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision.

On June 14, 2020, Eddie Williams exited his apartment and confronted the victim who was outside the apartment building. After a verbal argument, Eddie Williams retrieved his shotgun from his apartment and shot Trenton Cook, causing his death.

The Rochester Police Department immediately began investigating the homicide and quickly identified and arrested Eddie Williams for the homicide.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau, and Senior Assistant District Attorney Constance Patterson, also of the Major Felony Bureau.

“What began as a verbal altercation quickly turned deadly due to the violent actions of Eddie Williams,” said Assistant District Attorney Michael Harrigan. “I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their swift investigation that led to Eddie Williams’ apprehension. We are pleased he is taking responsibility for his despicable actions and we hope he will spend the next 20 years correcting his behavior.”

“Eddie Williams violently took a life from our community,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Eddie Williams had no regard for Mr. Cook’s life or the lives of the victim’s friends and family. This was a completely unnecessary death and now Mr. Williams will face the consequences of his actions.”

Eddie Williams is scheduled for sentencing on December 6, 2021, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

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