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## **Jury Finds Nasezire Horton and Quentin Riviere Guilty of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the Homicide of Rukia Issack**

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, December 17, 2025, a Monroe County jury convicted 22-year-old Nasezire Horton and 22-year-old Quentin Riviere of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, two counts of Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7<sup>th</sup> Degree. Quentin Riviere was also convicted of an additional count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for perpetrating a separate but related shooting on August 1, 2024 in the parking lot of the Price Rite grocery store located in the City of Rochester.

On August 12, 2024, at approximately 5:00PM, Rochester Police Officers responded to Hazelwood Terrace near Denver Street for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, they located 19-year-old Rukia Issack, a 16-year-old boy, and a 15-year-old boy, all three of whom were shot. All three victims were rushed to Strong Memorial Hospital, where Rukia Issack later died from her injuries, despite lifesaving efforts by first responders and medical staff. The two male victims eventually recovered from their life-threatening injuries.

After a thorough investigation, Rochester Police Detectives determined that this was a targeted shooting, although Rukia Issack was not the intended target. The investigation revealed that Nasezire Horton and Quentin Riviere opened fire on the three teenagers, striking all three. Both defendants were wearing Parole-issued GPS monitors at the time of the fatal shooting. Three days following the shooting, Nasezire Horton and Quentin Riviere were arrested for the murder of Ms. Issack, and the attempted murders of the two young men. Both defendants were located at a house on Edmonds Street, where they were in possession of illegal narcotics.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman and Special Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, both of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce.

“On the evening of August 12, 2024, Nasezire Horton and Quentin Riviere opened fire on teenagers walking down the street, killing a young woman who was hit in the crossfire and nearly taking the lives of two boys,” said Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman. “Not only did neither defendant show sorrow for killing Rukia Issack, who was an innocent bystander, but they risked the lives of everyone in the neighborhood on a warm summer day. Both defendants were on Parole during this murder, showing a pattern of violence and disregard for the rule of law. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department, the Monroe County Crime Laboratory, Monroe County District Attorney Investigators, and the Monroe County District Attorney Victim Advocate, all of whom are responsible for this conviction.”

“Rukia Issack was a mother, a daughter, a friend... a young woman with her entire life ahead of her,” said Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green. “Her death represents an immeasurable loss to her family and our community. In stark contrast, Nasezire Horton and Quentin Riviere, despite their young age are already far too familiar with the criminal justice system. Thank you to the Rochester Police Department and Assistant District Attorneys Anthony Freeman and Aliyah Fowler for your tireless dedication to this comprehensive and heartbreaking case. It is our hope that today’s verdict brings a measure of justice and accountability for Rukia Issack’s loved ones and for the two young victims who narrowly survived this senseless act of violence.”

Nasezire Horton and Quentin Riviere will be sentenced on January 27, 2026, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

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