

**News Release from**  
**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
**Monroe County District Attorney**

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**Karon James and Samuel Maxwell Convicted of Criminal Possession of a  
Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, three counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled  
Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminally Using Drug  
Paraphernalia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- On Monday, September 19, 30-year-old Karon James and 41-year-old Samuel Maxwell were convicted by a Monroe County jury of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, three counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

On September 16, 2021, after an extensive investigation conducted by the Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement (GRANET) team, a warrant was executed at a residence on Austin Street in the City of Rochester. Fentanyl, crack cocaine, an illegal handgun, and several hundred rounds of ammunition were seized and Karon James and Samuel Maxwell were arrested.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“I want to thank the team at GRANET for their detailed and diligent investigation that led to the seizure of dangerous narcotics, an illegal firearm, and the apprehension of Karon James and Samuel Maxwell,” said Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik. “Thanks to the cooperation between these law enforcement agencies, two individuals in our community are no longer pushing these deadly narcotics and profiting off of addiction.”

“Every day, police officers and attorneys in my Special Investigations Bureau work to confiscate illegal weapons and narcotics that only cause more violence in our community,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “The City of Rochester is a safer place without Karon James and Samuel Maxwell promoting dangerous substances. It is evident that both defendants are best served in the New York State Department of Corrections.”

Karon James and Samuel Maxwell will be sentenced on October 27, 2022, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.

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