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Jury Finds Jamie Busch Guilty of Murder in the 2nd Degree for the Homicide of Penny Busch

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, February 24, 2026, a Monroe County jury convicted 55-year-old Jamie Busch of Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Tampering With Physical Evidence for killing her sister, Penny Busch, and disposing her body.

On October 11, 2024, Monroe County Sheriff's deputies arrived to a residence on Ontario Street in the Village of Honeoye Falls for a welfare check of 62-year-old Penny Busch. When she was unable to be located, investigators from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office began an investigation into her suspicious disappearance.

On October 14, 2025, Monroe County Sheriff's Office deputies narrowed their search and located a deceased woman in the area of the Genesee River in the Town of Rush. The victim was identified as Penny Busch. After a thorough investigation, her sister, Jamie Busch, was arrested for her murder and disposing the body.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Special Victims Unit.

"This was a calculated and deeply disturbing act of violence committed against a family member who should have been able to feel safe in her own home," said Special Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner. "The evidence proved that Jamie Busch not only murdered her sister, Penny Busch, but then took deliberate steps to conceal that crime. Domestic violence does not only occur between intimate partners, it can exist within families, behind closed doors, and in places where victims should feel most secure. Today's verdict ensures that the defendant is held fully accountable, and while nothing can restore Penny Busch's life, we hope this conviction provides her loved ones with a measure of justice and peace."

“This was a senseless and brutal killing, followed by a calculated effort to evade responsibility,” said Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green. “Our office will relentlessly pursue justice for victims of violence, no matter how complex or disturbing the facts. I want to thank Special Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner for her exceptional prosecution of this case, as well as the dedicated members of the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office for their thorough and determined investigation.”

Jamie Busch will be sentenced on April 23, 2026 in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Stephen Miller.

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