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**Kadeem Harris sentenced to 21 years to life for Murder in the 2nd Degree plus
23 years for Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree**

Rochester, NY - Monday, June 4, 2018, County Court Justice Douglas Randall sentenced 28 year old Kadeem Harris to 21 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections for Murder in the 2nd degree plus 23 years for Attempted Murder in the 2nd degree to run consecutively for a total of 44 years to life. A jury convicted the defendant of both charges on April 20, 2018 along with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd degree which he will serve a 10 year concurrent sentence. On November 7, 2016, Akeem Harris brought a firearm and confronted Derrick Reed at the corner of Frost Avenue and Jefferson Avenue in the City of Rochester. Akeem Harris ultimately gave the gun to his brother, Kadeem Harris, who then shot it seven times resulting in injury to Derrick Reed and the death of Darryle Conner.

Akeem Harris was found guilty of Murder in the 2nd degree, Attempted Murder in the 2nd degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd degree on May 30, 2017 and was sentenced on July 14, 2017 to 26 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Christine K. Callanan of the Major Felony Bureau.

“On November 7, 2016, Kadeem Harris had no regard for the lives of two individuals. In his efforts to kill Derrick Reed, he took the life of an innocent bystander, Darryle Conner. Today’s sentence will hopefully bring a sense of justice and closure to Darryle Conner’s suffering family and to victim Derrick Reed while Kadeem Harris thinks about his crimes in the New York State Department of Corrections,” said Chief of the Major Felony Bureau Julie Hahn who covered the sentencing. “This appropriate sentence would not have been possible without the remarkable investigative work of the Rochester Police Department and the witnesses who were courageous enough to come forward to share the events of that tragic day.”

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