

**News Release from
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**Jury Finds Malcolm Bryant Guilty of Murder in the 2nd Degree for the
Homicide of Robert Prescott**

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, September 18, 2025, a Monroe County jury convicted 51-year-old Malcolm Bryant 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 for killing Robert Prescott and attempting to kill a second man on February 9, 2025.

During the early morning hours of February 9, 2025, Rochester Police Officers responded to a parking lot on Thurston Road for reports of a man shot. Upon arrival, Rochester Police Officers located 48-year-old Robert Prescott with one gunshot wound to the torso. Mr. Prescott was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries.

Following a quick, but thorough, investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Malcolm Bryant was arrested for the murder. It was determined that Malcolm Bryant and a friend of the victim were involved in an altercation inside a bar on Thurston Road. After all involved parties exited the bar, Robert Prescott and his friend were walking to a parking lot on Thurston Road, when Malcolm Bryant approached both men from behind, firing shots at both men.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik, of the Major Felony Bureau.

"Last February, what began as a bar fight could have ended there. Instead, Malcolm Bryant made the cold and calculated decision to follow two men and shoot at them, resulting in the murder of Robert Prescott," said Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Jirik. "I must thank the Rochester Police Department for their swift investigation to identify and apprehend the defendant. Because of their immediate actions, we were able to secure today's conviction. I hope today's verdict brings justice to the family and friends of Robert Prescott."

"Robert Prescott was a father, a friend, and an active member in our community who gave back when he could," said Acting District Attorney Perry Duckles. "Malcolm Bryant took the victim's life without a thought or consideration of who he was leaving behind. Instead of holding any value for human life, the defendant followed two men outside a bar with the intention to shoot and kill them over an argument. The pain and loss caused by this crime will be felt for years to come by Robert's loved ones and by our community. While nothing can undo the harm that was done, we remain committed to standing with victims' families and making sure their voices are heard in court."

Malcolm Bryant will be sentenced on November 14, 2025, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Healy.

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