

**News Release from**  
**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**Marcus Burke Convicted of Two Counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon  
in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- On Monday, November 2, 27-year-old Marcus Burke was convicted by a Monroe County Jury of two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

On September 7, 2019, at approximately 9:40AM, Marcus Burke shot an illegal firearm on Lyell Avenue in the City of Rochester. After a swift and thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department and the Monroe County Department Probation, Marcus Burke was arrested the following day. Mr. Burke was on felony probation at the time of this offense.

This case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“Marcus Burke put the people of the City of Rochester at risk when he chose to recklessly shoot his illegal weapon in broad daylight in the City of Rochester,” said Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy. “I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and the Monroe County Department of Probation for diligently working to identify and arrest Marcus Burke, who will now spend years in the New York State Department of Corrections, instead of promoting violence in our community.”

“With the increase of gun violence we have seen this year, removing illegal firearms from our streets is an incredibly important priority,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “The Monroe County District Attorney’s Office is taking weapons charges extremely seriously and it is more important than ever to remove these dangerous guns out of the hands of criminals while holding these offenders accountable.”

Marcus Burke will be sentenced as a violent predicate offender on December 14, 2020, in front of State Supreme Court Justice Schiano. He faces 7-15 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

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