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**Donyell McKenzie Convicted of Murder in the 2nd Degree After Stabbing
Tyffany Porter 47 Times**

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at the conclusion of a bench trial, Monroe County Court Judge Sam L. Valleriani convicted 37-year-old Donyell McKenzie of Murder in the 2nd Degree after killing his 23-year-old girlfriend.

On December 22, 2006, Donyell McKenzie was arguing with Tyffany Porter at their home on 293 Rosewood Terrace. Once the argument escalated, McKenzie stabbed Tyffany 47 times, killing her in front of her 7-year-old daughter then fled. Tyffany's daughter, who was left alone with the body of her mother, proceeded to call 9-1-1. McKenzie later turned himself into the Rochester Police Department.

This was the third trial and conviction for Donyell McKenzie for the 2006 murder. The first conviction was overturned due to procedural issues of the court and the second conviction was overturned because of problems with McKenzie's defense. McKenzie faces a minimum of 15 years to life and a maximum of 25 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections. He has already served more than 10 years.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Child Abuse Bureau and Michael Robertson, Senior Assistant District Attorney of the Child Abuse Bureau.

"This is a heartbreaking example of the worst type of domestic violence," said Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck. "Donyell McKenzie brutally took the life of a young mother, someone he claimed to love, while her seven year old child was only feet away. After more than a decade and this third trial, I sincerely hope that justice has finally been served for Tyffany Porter. I want to thank Tyffany's loved ones for their constant commitment to seeking justice for her, time and time again reliving the painful testimony related to her gruesome murder. It is our hope that they can finally have the closure they deserve. Domestic Violence is a tragedy that is 100% preventable."

The Monroe County District Attorney's Office urges anyone in a Domestic Violence Situation to please reach out to the Willow Domestic Violence Center.

Donyell McKenzie will be sentenced on August 24, 2017, at 11:30AM in County Court by Judge Sam L. Valleriani.

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