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Miles Mitchell Guilty on all Counts

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Grand Jury found Miles Mitchell, 24, guilty of Murder in the 2nd Degree and Attempted Robbery in the First Degree for the August 25th murder of Joshua Groat following a robbery on Lyell Avenue. Mitchell and another defendant, James Hillyard, attempting to rob the victim, who fled approximately one block on foot before being chased down by the defendants. The victim was found with a gunshot wound to the torso and was pronounced dead at Strong Memorial Hospital.

The case was prosecuted for the People by Perry Duckles, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

“2012 has been a violent year in the City of Rochester, but thanks to solid police work and help from members of the community, Miles Mitchell will now likely spend decades in prison,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Though today’s verdict can’t return Mr. Groat to his family, it can ensure that a violent criminal is taken off the streets and that our city is made safer.”

Mitchell will return to court October 29th for sentencing, where he faces 25 years to life in prison.

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