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Nicholas Serret Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter 1st

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 25-year-old Nicholas Serret pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the July 22, 2020 homicide of Shaqur Nesmith in the City of Rochester. Nicholas Serret will serve 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision.

On July 22, 2020, Nicholas Serret drove by the corner of Jay Street and Orchard Street in the City of Rochester, where he identified Shaqur Nesmith. Serret fired 6-10 shots at the victim. Shaqur Nesmith later died from his injuries at Strong Memorial Hospital.

The Rochester Police Department immediately began investigating the homicide and arrested Nicholas Serret the following October.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

“Nicholas Serret not only took the life of another, but he also put our community at risk by shooting rounds outside his vehicle during evening hours,” said Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark. “I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their thorough investigation that led to Nicholas Serret’s apprehension. We are pleased he is taking responsibility for his despicable actions and we hope he will spend the next 20 years correcting his behavior.”

“Nicholas Serret violently took a life from our community,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Nicholas Serret had no regard for Mr. Nesmith’s life, the lives of the victim’s friends and family, or anyone who could have been caught in the crossfire. This was a completely unnecessary death and now Mr. Serret will face the consequences of his actions.”

Nicholas Serret is scheduled for sentencing on April 26, 2022, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair.

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