

**News Release from
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Kevin Quander Pleads Guilty to Murder for the Death of Charlotte Lahr

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, August 31, 60-year-old Kevin Quander pled guilty to Murder in the 1st Degree, the top charge, and Attempted Robbery in the 1st Degree for killing small business owner Charlotte Lahr. On March 2, 2017, Charlotte Lahr was working at her wine and liquor store on South Avenue when Kevin Quander, a recent parolee, entered the store with a knife and demanded money. In an attempt to resist the robbery, Charlotte was violently beaten to death with a wine bottle by Kevin Quander. The Rochester Police Department arrested Quander the following day after obtaining DNA evidence and video surveillance.

Quander will serve 20 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections for the murder charge and 16 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for the robbery charge. These will be served consecutively, with Quander facing a minimum of 36 years in prison. He was also determined to be a mandatory persistent violent felony offender.

The case was prosecuted by Sandra Doorley, District Attorney of Monroe County and Senior Assistant District Attorney Greg Colavecchia of the Major Felony's Bureau.

“Charlotte Lahr was a loving mother, an incredible small-business owner and friend to all who knew her,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “There is no other word than tragedy when it comes to this unnecessary loss, as the life of a productive and giving member of this community was taken. On the opposite side of the spectrum is Kevin Quander, a career criminal who has only taken from the community. He had no regard for human life when he brutally and violently beat Charlotte. Today’s admission of guilt will hopefully be a small step in helping Charlotte’s family, especially her children, heal from this horrible crime.”

Kevin Quander will be sentenced on October 5, 2017, in front of County Court Judge Argento.

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