

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Raphael Marquez Sentenced to 23 Years for the Homicide of James Jackson, Jr.**

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, June 4, 2025, Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger sentenced 18-year-old Raphael Marquez to 23 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. He previously pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for his role in the homicide of James Jackson, Jr.

On August 30, 2024, shortly after 6:00PM, Rochester Police Officers responded to reports of shots fired on Cuba Place in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, officers located a vehicle crashed into a pole. The driver, 39-year-old James Jackson, Jr., was shot in the upper body in the driver's seat. He was pronounced dead at the scene. After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified Raphael Marquez as the shooter. Timothy Brooks was also arrested for his role in the victim's death, he is scheduled for trial on November 12, 2025.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, of the Non-Shooting Fatal Taskforce.

"James Jackson, Jr. was ambushed and killed by Raphael Marquez and while inside his vehicle," said Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm. "The defendant fired shots in broad daylight with clear intent to hit the victim. Not only has Marquez permanently robbed James Jackson, Jr.'s family of their loved one, but he will now serve the next two decades behind bars. I commend the Rochester Police Department for their thorough investigation that secured this plea and sentence. For the safety of our community, Raphael Marquez belongs only in the custody of the New York Department of Corrections."

"Raphael Marquez has shown a complete and utter disregard for public safety, human life, and the rule of law," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "At just 18 years old, an age when most are still learning the values that guide society, Marquez chose instead to commit an act of violence with no remorse or hesitation. This reckless act has left a void in the lives of James Jackson, Jr.'s family and friends that no sentence can ever fill. Our hope is that today's sentence brings some measure of peace and closure to the grieving family, reaffirming our commitment to protect this community from such senseless violence."

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