

**News Release from
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Jury Finds Raymere Alexander Guilty of Murder in the 2nd Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, April 1, 2025, a Monroe County jury convicted 17-year-old Raymere Alexander of Murder in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Suade McKnight on February 23, 2023.

On the afternoon of February 23, 2023, Rochester Police Officers were called to a house on Alphonse Street in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, officers located 15-year-old Suade McKnight deceased at the house, with a gunshot wound to his forehead.

After a thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, it was determined that 17-year-old Raymere Alexander and 19-year-old Brandon Williams broke into the house and immediately became involved in an altercation with Suade McKnight. After a quick escalation, Raymere Alexander shot and killed Suade McKnight. Both defendants were arrested for the homicide. Brandon Williams previously pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for his role in the homicide.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Major Felony Bureau.

“Raymere Alexander broke into a house, armed with an illegally possessed firearm with a clear intention to commit a crime,” said Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano. “I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their thorough investigation that resulted in the identification and apprehension of both Raymere Alexander and Brandon Williams. I want to also thank the family of Suade McKnight, who came to court every single day. I sincerely hope they can feel justice in today’s appropriate guilty verdict. Today, our community is safer knowing that Raymere Alexander will be spending time in the New York State Department of Corrections, away from Monroe County.”

“Raymere Alexander violently stole the life of a 15-year-old teenager, ruining his own young life in the process,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Both Raymere Alexander and Brandon Williams broke into a house with the intention of promoting violence. Today’s conviction is a much-needed resolution for the grieving loved ones of Suade McKnight.”

Raymere Alexander will be sentenced on May 30, 2025, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Healy. Brandon Williams will be sentence don May 9, 2025, also in front of Justice Healy.

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