

**News Release from
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Parolee Robert Colon Sentenced to 50 Years to Life

Rochester, NY- Monday, October 31, 2022, New York State Supreme Court Justice Thomas E. Moran sentenced 29-year-old Robert Colon to 25 years to Life for the murder of Roger Palermo and a consecutive 25 years to Life for the attempted murder, assault, and attempted robbery of a second victim. Robert Colon was previously convicted by a jury of Murder in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, two counts of Attempted Robbery in the 1st Degree, and Attempted Robbery in the 2nd Degree. Robert Colon was convicted for the shooting murder of Roger Palermo and the attempted murder of a second victim, also at gunpoint.

On March 30, 2021, Roger Palermo was the unintended victim of a shooting on First Street in the City of Rochester. He was pronounced deceased at Strong Memorial Hospital.

On April 20, 2021, a victim was shot during an attempted robbery near Joseph Avenue. Robert Colon was quickly identified and arrested by the Rochester Police Department for the robbery and attempted murder.

As the investigation continued, with assistance from the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center and the New York State Division of Parole, Colon was also indicted for the murder of Roger Palermo.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Bianca D'Angelo, of the Major Felony Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

“Roger Palermo was taken from his family and friends because of Robert Colon’s violent choices,” said Assistant District Attorney Bianca D’Angelo. “Today’s sentence was only possible due to the incredible investigative work of the Rochester Police Department, including the Major Crimes Unit and the Technician’s Unit, as well as the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center and Office of Probation, as well as the New York State Division of Parole.”

“Robert Colon, a parolee who had an opportunity to become a law-abiding citizen, has no regard for the members of our community, as he killed a bystander and nearly killed a second victim less than a month later,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Now that Robert Colon will spend at least 50 years in the New York State Department of Corrections, our community will be free from his violence and devastation.”

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