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**Roger Wiggins Convicted of Murder in the 2nd Degree for the Murder of
Tracy Henton-Williams**

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 61-year-old Roger Wiggins was convicted by a Monroe County Jury of Murder in the 2nd Degree for the death of his ex-girlfriend, Tracy Henton-Williams.

On June 11, 2018, first responders arrived to Buffalo Road in the Town of Gates after receiving reports of a woman with stab wounds who tumbled from a moving vehicle. The victim, who was identified as Tracy Henton-Williams, was assisted by multiple Good Samaritans before being transported by ambulance to Strong Memorial Hospital, where she died from her injuries.

After a swift investigation by the Gates Police Department, it was determined that Tracy Henton-Williams was sitting in the passenger seat of a vehicle driven by her ex-boyfriend, Roger Wiggins. The defendant, while driving, stabbed Tracy in the neck and in the chest. She then tumbled from the moving vehicle, which was traveling approximately 40 miles per hours, to the side of Buffalo Road

Roger Wiggins was located hours later at the Canadian border by Canadian Border Services who contacted the Gates Police Department. Gates Police traveled to pick-up Wiggins and transported him back to Monroe County where he was charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree.

On June 12, 2018, Gates Police Investigators were contacted by the North Tonawanda Police Department stating that items belonging to Tracy Henton-Williams were discovered by employees at the Buffalo Recycling Facility. Among these items were a black shirt and two knives with the victim's and the defendant's DNA. Police were able to locate video from the plaza where these items were dumped and found the defendant discarding the items and purchasing new clothes.

The case was prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles and Second Assistant District Attorney Michelle Crowley.

“The violent actions of Roger Wiggins were despicable and resulted in the brutal death of Tracy Henton-Williams, a woman who was loved by many,” said First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles. “Tracy was a mother, a daughter, a sister, and an educator. Roger Wiggins made the choice to murder Tracy, taking a bright spot from this community and devastating her friends and family. I must thank the Gates Police Department, the Canadian Border Services, and the various agencies who assisted in this investigation, but I want to especially thank the Good Samaritans who assisted Tracy in her final moments and continued to cooperate with police. I hope that today’s conviction will help Tracy’s loved ones continue to heal from her murder after all of these years.”

“This was a clear case of domestic violence and a tragic loss,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Roger Wiggins knew precisely what he was doing when he murdered Tracy Henton-Williams and attempted to flee to the border. Today’s conviction is a testament to the swift and thorough investigation conducted by the Gates Police Department, with assistance from the Monroe County Crime Lab, the Canadian Border Services, and the employees of the Buffalo Recycling Facility who located the evidence that Roger Wiggins attempted to conceal. After what was a rollercoaster of emotions, I hope that the family of Tracy Henton-Williams feel justice in today’s verdict.”

Roger Wiggins will be sentenced on July 21, 2025, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano.

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