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**Roger Wiggins Sentenced to 25 Years to Life in the New York State
Department of Corrections for the Murder of Tracy Henton-Williams**

Rochester, NY- On Monday, July 21, 2025, 61-year-old Roger Wiggins was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano to the maximum sentence allowed by law, 25 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. Roger Wiggins was previously 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.

“Roger Wiggins’ actions were not only violent, but calculated and unforgivable,” said First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles. “The murder of Tracy Henton-Williams robbed her family and community of a woman who was loving, compassionate, and dedicated to helping others. Today’s maximum sentence was the only appropriate sentence for this heinous crime, though no punishment can ever undo the pain caused by her loss. I want to commend the Good Samaritans who courageously stepped forward in Tracy’s final moments and continued to support this case, as well as the Gates Police Department, the Canadian Border Services, and agencies whose collaboration made this outcome possible. I hope today provided Tracy’s family with the resolution they needed to continue to remember and mourn their loved one.”

“This case is a heartbreaking reminder of the devastating impact of domestic violence,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Roger Wiggins attempted to escape responsibility, but thanks to the swift and coordinated efforts of law enforcement, particularly the Gates Police Department, Monroe County Crime Lab, Canadian Border Services, and the employees at the Buffalo Recycling Facility, we were able to bring him to justice. Today’s life sentence reflects the severity of his crime and the life he stole. The Monroe County District Attorney’s Office stand with Tracy’s loved ones and we hope they find some solace in knowing he is finally being held accountable for his actions.”

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