

**News Release from
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**Samuel Shaw Sentenced to Life Without Parole for two counts of Murder in
the First Degree**

Rochester, NY- Friday, August 16, 2019, Monroe County Court Judge Vincent Dinolfo sentenced 29-year-old Samuel Shaw to Life without Parole in the New York State Department of Corrections after being convicted by a Monroe County Jury of two counts of Murder in the 1st Degree, two counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, and three counts of Criminal Possession Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the deaths of William Gibson and Anthony Robertson.

Samuel Shaw was sentenced to two Life without Parole sentences for each Murder in the 1st Degree charges to run concurrently together, 25 years to Life for each Murder in the 2nd Degree charges to run consecutively, 25 years with 5 years of Post Release Supervision for Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree to run concurrently, 25 years with 5 years of Post Release Supervision for Assault in the 1st Degree to run concurrently, two 15 years with 5 years of Post Release Supervision sentences for each Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree to run consecutively with the previous counts and concurrently to each other, and 15 years with 5 years of Post Release Supervision for the third Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree count to run consecutively. All sentences will take place in the New York State Department of Corrections, sentencing Mr. Shaw to Life without Parole and an additional 80 years.

On June 20, 2018, Samuel Shaw fired thirteen shots in a parking lot on Thurston Road that left William Gibson and Anthony Robertson dead and paralyzed a third victim.

Samuel Shaw was later arrested by the Rochester Police Department after a detailed investigation using multiple forms of forensic evidence and witness collaboration.

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

“I want to sincerely thank and give credit to the Rochester Police Department and the surviving victim who are ultimately responsible for the arrest and successful prosecution of Samuel Shaw,” said Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman. “We believe a life sentence without the possibility of parole is appropriate, as Samuel Shaw is a grave threat to public safety and he could have killed and injured more than the existing victims.”

“On June 20, 2018, Samuel Shaw made the conscious decision to fire thirteen shots on Thurston Road, knowing he could kill and injure innocent bystanders,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Mr. Shaw destroyed four lives that day, taking William Gibson and Anthony Robertson from their families, paralyzing a third victim, and ruining his own life. These deaths were violent, gruesome and completely unwarranted, and now Samuel Shaw will serve an appropriate life sentence in the New York State Department of Corrections.”

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