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Stephan Jefferson Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree

Rochester, NY- On Monday, July 13, 2026, 23-year-old Stephan Jefferson pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for shooting and killing Dwayne Hall.

At approximately 3:45 p.m. on July 12, 2023, Rochester Police Officers responded to the report of a person who was shot on Genesee Street in the City of Rochester. Upon arrival, first responders attempted life-saving measures for 38-year-old Dwayne Hall, who was shot in the chest. The victim was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries.

Following a thorough investigation, Rochester Police Department detectives determined that Stephan Jefferson and Dwayne Hall were involved in a verbal altercation that turned physical. At the conclusion of the altercation, Stephan Jefferson shot the victim. The defendant fled the scene after the shooting, but was apprehended and arrested the following day in possession of a loaded handgun.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Special Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Major Felony Bureau.

"This defendant made the conscious decision to escalate a minor dispute into a fatal act of gun violence," said Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher. "Rather than walking away, Stephan Jefferson armed himself with an illegally possessed firearm, and shot Dwayne right in front of his long-time partner and teenage son. Today's guilty plea ensures that he will be held accountable for that deliberate choice. I commend the Rochester Police Department detectives for their thorough investigation that resulted in today's admission of guilt."

“Stephan Jefferson chose to escalate a confrontation by taking Dwayne Hall's life,” said Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green. “Today's guilty plea ensures he will be held accountable for that decision while providing a measure of justice for Mr. Hall's loved ones. Thank you to the Rochester Police Department, Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, and Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon for their work in securing this admission of guilt.”

Stephan Jefferson will be sentenced on August 21, 2026, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Stephen Miller. He is expected to be sentenced to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for Manslaughter in the 1st Degree to run consecutively to a determinate sentence to be determined by the court between 10-15 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. The total sentence is expected to be between 35-40 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

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