

**News Release from
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Syjesman Brown Sentenced to 75 Years to Life

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, July 3, 2019, 33-year-old Syjesman Brown was sentenced by State Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi to 75 years to Life for two counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Robbery in the 1st Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Attempted Robbery in the 2nd Degree and Attempted Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree.

On May 14, 2017, the body of Alexander Powell was found with dozens of stab wounds in a vacant lot on Miller Street. The defendant was sentenced to 25 years to Life for the murder of Alexander Powell.

On May 27, 2017, the burned body of David Jones Jr. was found by a bicyclist on a pedestrian bridge in Genesee Valley Park. The defendant was sentenced to 25 years to Life for the murder of David Jones Jr.

Syjesman Brown also received a sentence of 25 years with 5 years Post Release Supervision for the Attempted Murder, Assault and Attempted Robbery of Anthony Holloway on July 26, 2017.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, of the Major Felony Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Derek Harnsberger, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“I want to sincerely thank the friends and family of the victims who have been through countless hours of court appearances to find justice for their loved ones,” said Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher. “I also want to thank the Rochester Police Department who pieced together a detailed and exhaustive investigation that ultimately led to the successful prosecution of Syjesman Brown.”

“It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office that the families of Alexander Powell, David Jones Jr. and Anthony Holloway can finally find closure knowing that Syjesman Brown will spend the rest of his life in prison,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “We are pleased that he was not only convicted of all these crimes but was sentenced in a manner that reflects the severity of his actions.”

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