

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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Timothy Brown Sentenced to Life Without Parole

Rochester, NY- Friday, July 28, 2023, Acting Monroe County Court Judge Healy sentenced 30-year-Timothy Brown to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections without the possibility of Parole. He was previously convicted by a jury of two counts of Murder in the 1st Degree, two counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murders of Tywan Harper and Malakai Smith.

On November 11, 2021, Rochester Police Officers responded to an apartment building on Chestnut Street in the City of Rochester after multiple people called 911, reporting that gunshots were fired inside the building. Upon arrival, the officers found 19-year-old Malakai Smith shot to death and 22-year-old Tywan Harper shot and beaten to death inside a stairwell in the apartment building.

After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified Timothy Brown as responsible for the double homicide. Timothy Brown was arrested for the murders on December 14, 2021.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit.

“Timothy Brown went to Tywan Harper’s apartment with the intent to kill him, no matter the cost,” said Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson. “It is clear that he did not hesitate to violently take two young lives in the course of his crime. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation, resulting in today’s life sentence.”

“Malakai Smith and Tywan Harper had their lives ripped away because of the callous and violent actions of Timothy Brown,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Timothy Brown is dangerous and does not value human life. It is appropriate that he spends the rest of his life in the New York State Department of Corrections. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for this investigation, and the family of both victims, who have been in the courtroom during this tragic trial. I sincerely hope they feel justice in today’s sentence.”

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