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Tony Brown Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, October 9, 2025, 48-year-old Tony Brown pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for his role in the shooting death of Ali Saleh.

On the evening of March 23, 2025, Rochester Police Officers were called to Sanaa Food Market on Clifford Avenue. First responders immediately located store owner, 30-year-old Ali Saleh, behind the counter with gunshot wounds. Mr. Saleh was transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died the following day.

After a swift and thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department, Tony Brown was arrested for the homicide. Investigators determined that Tony Brown was seeking revenge for a previous conflict with a different store employee. He returned to Sanaa Food Market and fatally shot Ali Saleh.

Tony Brown is expected to be sentenced to 23 years in the New York State Department of Corrections, plus 5 years of post-release supervision.

The homicide case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Greg Clark, Chief of the General Felony Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Caroline Rodriguez, of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau.

"On March 23, Ali Saleh was simply doing what he did every day, working hard at the business he built and cared deeply about," said Assistant District Attorney Greg Clark. "He was more than a store owner; he was a friend, a neighbor, and a valued member of his community. While nothing can bring Ali back, I hope this plea brings a small measure of justice and comfort to those who loved him."

“Ali Saleh was known not just for running a local store, but for the kindness and respect he showed to everyone who walked through his doors,” said Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green. “He went out of his way to help his neighbors, often putting others before himself. Tony Brown’s senseless act of violence took a man from the community who represented the best of us. Today’s guilty plea ensures accountability, and gives Ali’s family and friends the opportunity to begin healing.”

Tony Brown will be sentenced on December 19, 2025, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Douglas Randall.

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