

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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Eric Clay Convicted of Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree and Menacing in the Second Degree

Rochester, NY- Today, 45 year old, Eric Clay was convicted of Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree and Menacing in the Second Degree. The dispute began between the defendant, Eric Clay, and a neighbor over a motor vehicle accident. On November 2, 2015, an argument ensued and the defendant fired one shot from a shotgun at the neighbor, missing him, but striking and killing the victim, 25 year old Justin Crowder.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Greg Colavecchia of the Major Felony Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Cassie Kocher of the Special Investigations Bureau.

"On November 2, 2015, Eric Clay took the law into his own hands when he murdered the victim, Justin Crowder, in broad daylight over a dispute involving damage from a motor vehicle accident. Our community cannot tolerate the actions of a person so willing to resort to violence," said Assistant District Attorney Greg Colavecchia. "Today, justice was served and the victim's family can rest assured that Mr. Clay will no longer be a danger to anyone else in our community."

Eric Clay will be sentenced on October 27, 2016 by Monroe County Court Judge John L. DeMarco.

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